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Akira Togawa is a normal teenager: he goes to an average high school, he plays video games, he's in love with his step-brother, he's harassed by lecherous photographers, picked on by mischievous little boys, insulted by possessive young women...you get the idea. When a scruffy photographer by the name of Kaoru Nakahara has a premonition of love (or so he says) and takes a campus photography job, he ends up meeting Akira and falls head over heels. Will Akira learn to love the persistent pervert, or will he cling to his beloved step-brother? Find out in this love pentagon (yes, pentagon) of soap operatic proportions!

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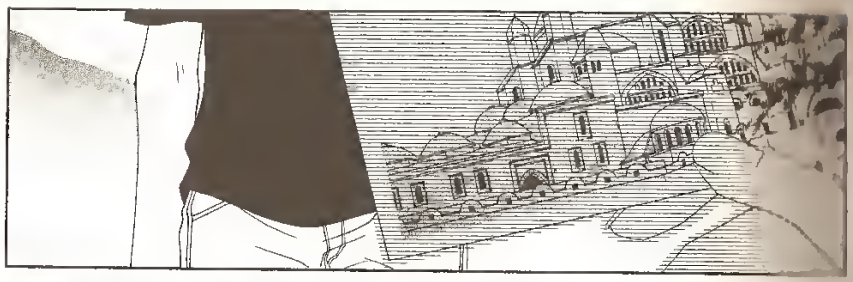
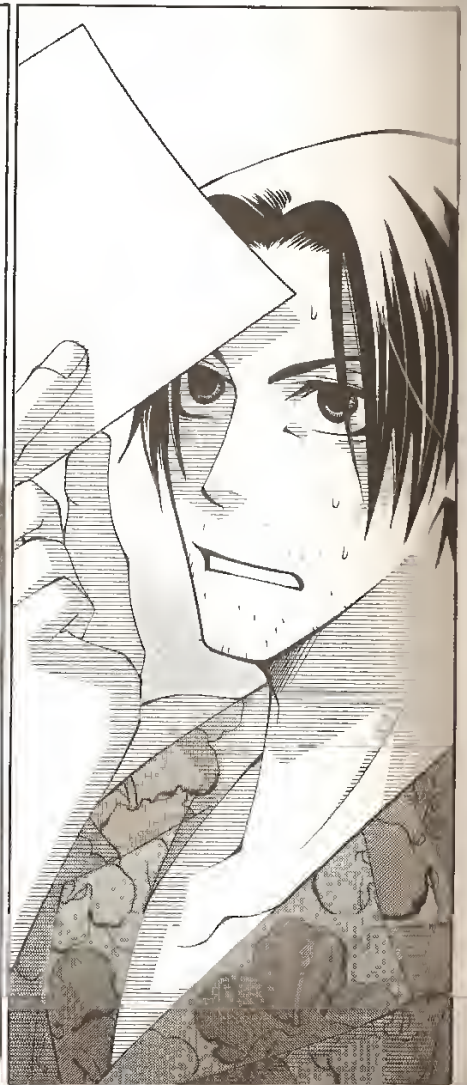




SINGAPORE—

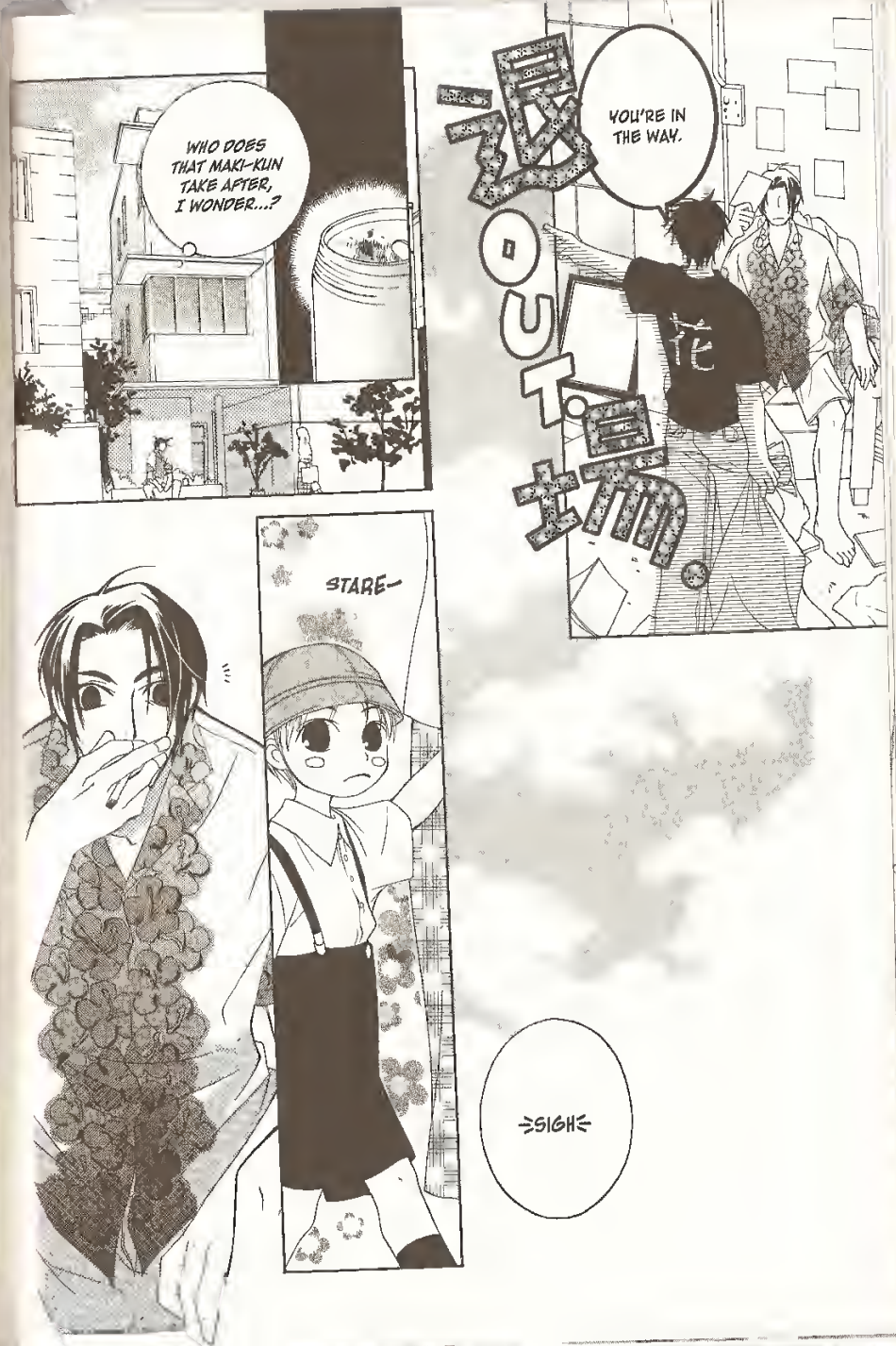
ENGLAND—

GERMANY—

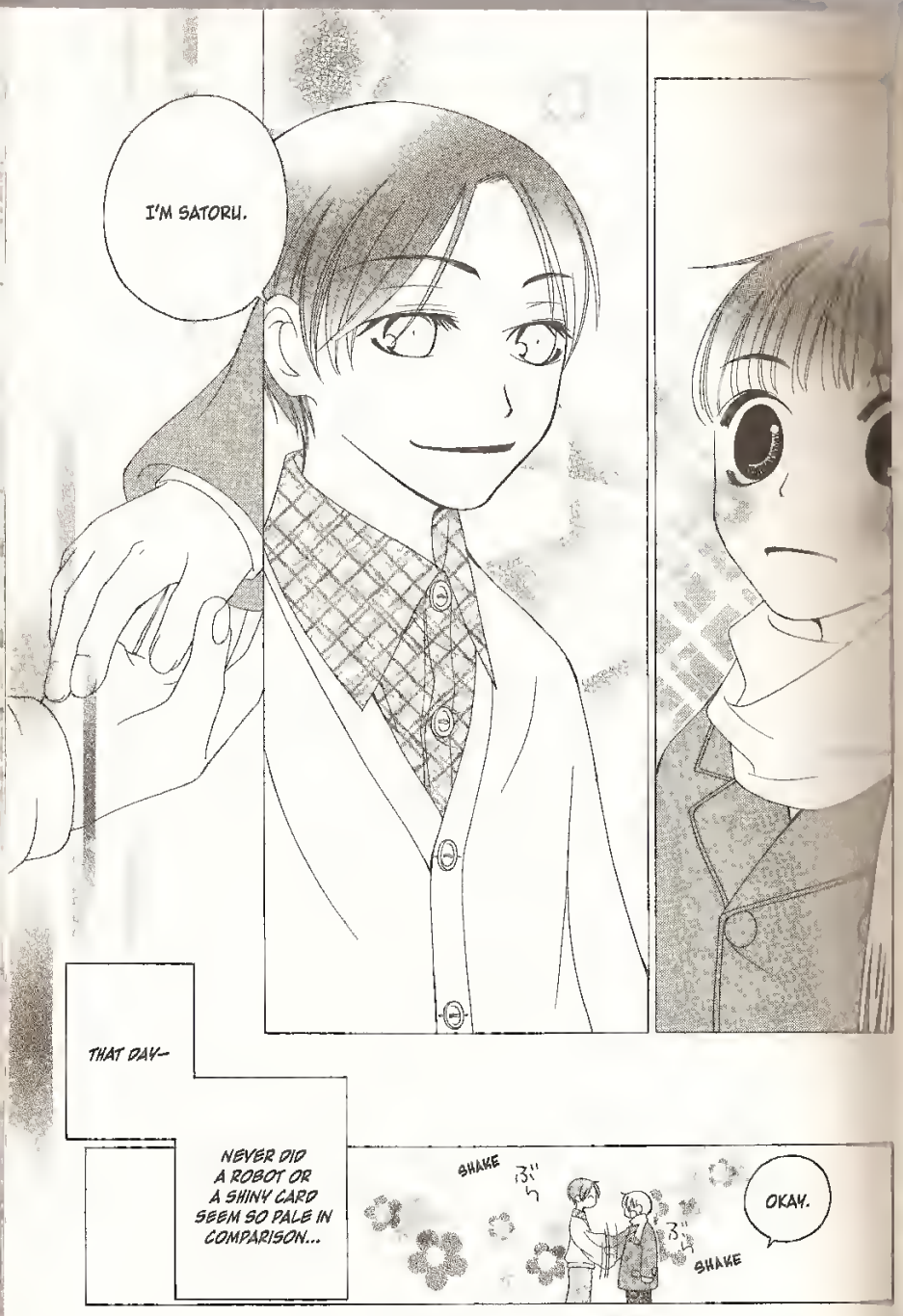
INDIA—

AND TURKEY...

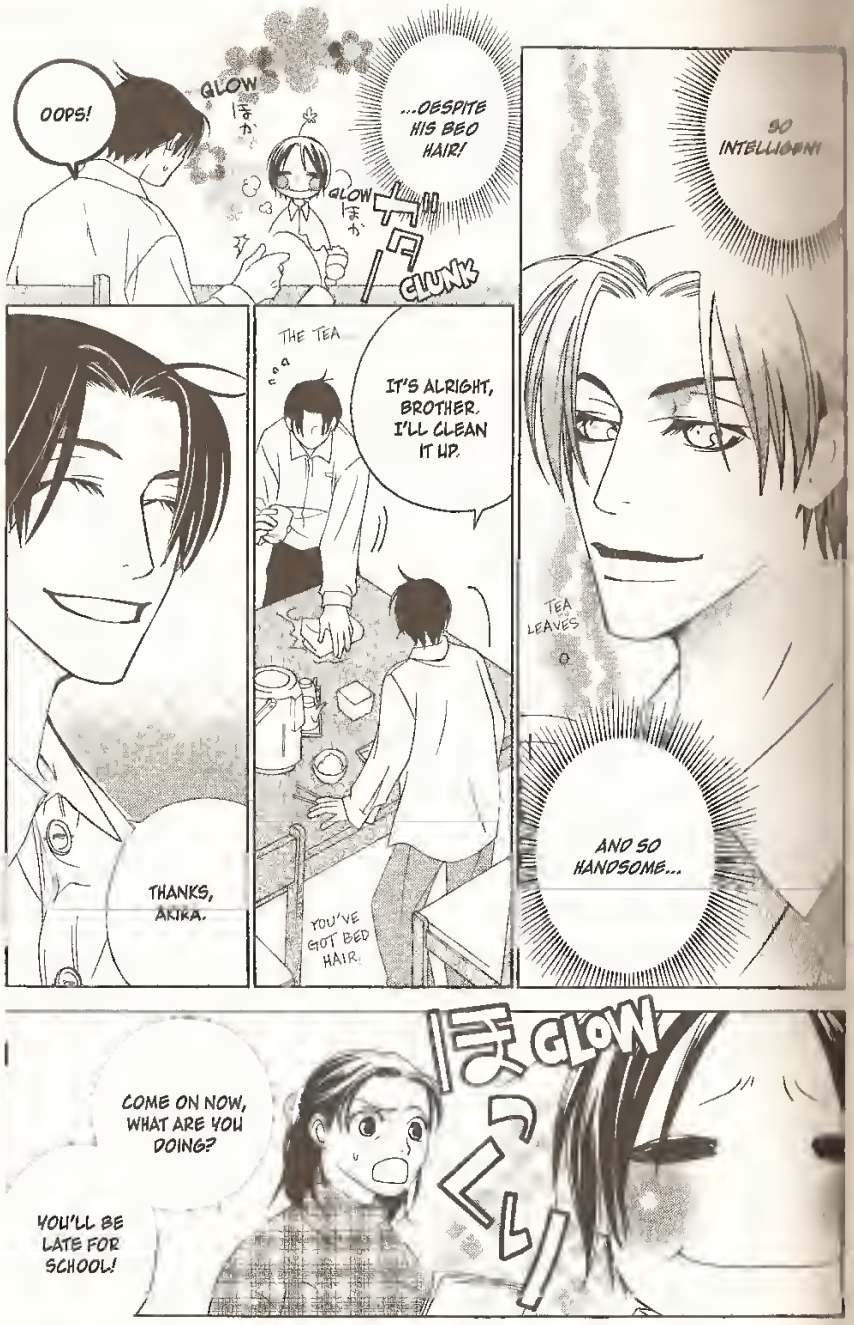
IF YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO DO, GO GET ME SOME LAUNDRY SOAP.
WHAAAT?
I PUT A LIST OF EVERYTHING WE NEED IN THIS WALLET.
READY? I'M GONNA TOSS IT TO YOU.
UNCLE TOGAWA!
GRIN
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, LITTLE BOY?


WHO DOES THAT MAKI-KUN TAKE AFTER, I WONDER...?
YOU'RE IN THE WAY.
OUT.
STARE—
=SIGH=

ON MY SIXTH BIRTHDAY—
WHAT I WANTED MOST OF ALL...
...WAS A DIE-CAST ROBOT HERO TOY—
OKAY, OKAY...
OR THE SHINY CARDS THAT COME PACKAGED WITH CANDY—
FRESH HAIR CUT
DRESSED UP
MOM'S A LIAR...

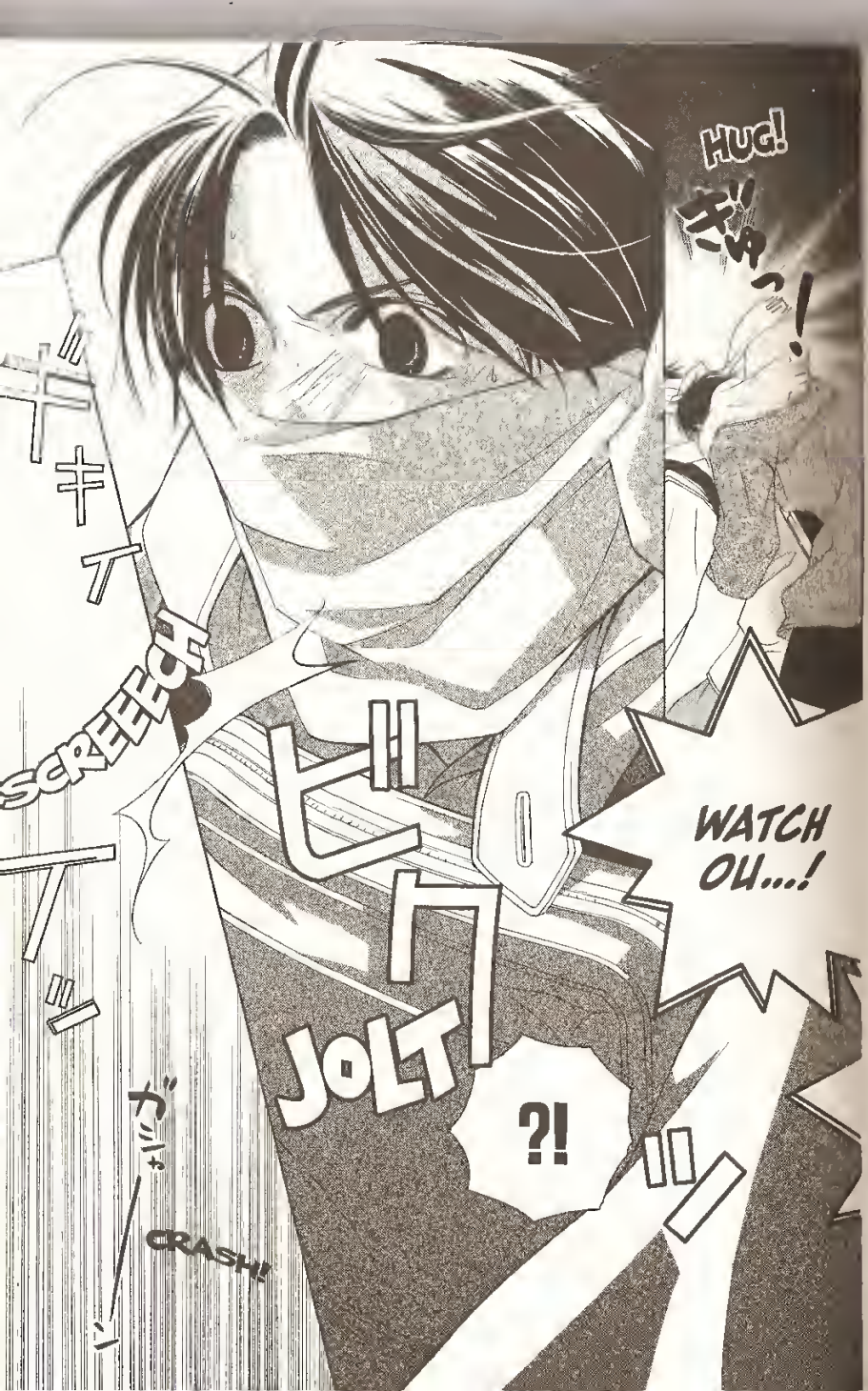

I'M SATORU.
THAT DAY—
NEVER DID A ROBOT OR A SHINY CARD SEEM SO PALE IN COMPARISON...
SHAKE
SHAKE
OKAY.

LET'S BE FRIENDS, OKAY?
PLEASE, PLEASE- COME IN.
TO BE HONEST, I WAS TOTALLY DISAPPOINTED.
SHE SAID SHE WAS GETTING ME WHAT I WANTED MOST OF ALL...
AKIRA-KUN?
I'M SO HAPPY I'VE GOT A LITTLE BROTHER NOW.
COLD OUT, WASN'T IT?
I JUST WANT TO GO HOME...
I DON'T WANT A NEW DAD.


OOPS!
GLOW
GLOW
...DESPITE HIS BED HAIR!
CLUNK
SO INTELLIGENT
AND SO HANDSOME...
TEA LEAVES
THE TEA
IT'S ALRIGHT, BROTHER. I'LL CLEAN IT UP.
YOU'VE GOT BED HAIR.
THANKS, AKIRA.
GLOW
COME ON NOW, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOU'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL!

AND THERE'S NEVER BEEN A DAY SINCE...
...THAT I WAS MORE GRATEFUL TO MY MOTHER.
EVEN NOW, ON THE TENTH WINTER SINCE WE BECAME A PART OF THE TOGAWA FAMILY...
PING
GOOD MORNING.
GOOD MORNING, AKIRA.
BED HAIR!
...THAT FEELING OF MINE HAS NOT CHANGED.

AKIRA DOTES ON HIS BIG BROTHER SATORU...
BROTHER! HURRY, HURRY!
HUH?! IS THAT THE TIME?!
LOOK AT THEM— ALL OVER EACH OTHER, FIRST THING IN THE MORNING... IT'S DOWNRIGHT STRANGE!
HERE'S YOUR PAPER
WE'RE OFF—
OH...
BROTHER, YOUR BAG... YOUR BAG!
I'M READY—
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
THERE'S NOTHING STRANGE ABOUT IT.
AFTER ALL, WE'RE BROTHERS.
BRRR COLD
=SIGH= ...I WISH I COULD'VE GONE TO THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL AS YOU, BIG BROTHER.
IF ONLY I WERE SMARTER
DON'T YOU LIKE YOUR CURRENT SCHOOL, AKIRA?
IT'S NOT THAT, BUT...
MY BROTHER IS MY TREASURE.
I JUST THINK I'D HAVE MORE FUN BEING WITH YOU ALL DAY, THAT'S ALL
EEK
...
...
AND JUST AS THE FACT THAT WE'RE BROTHERS WILL NEVER CHANGE...
I'M SURE THIS FEELING I HAVE FOR HIM...
YEAH...
IT MUST BE A PAIN TO HAVE TO GIVE ME A RIDE TO MY SCHOOL EVERY MORNING...
...WILL LAST FOREVER.


HUG!
ぎゅっ!
キィー
SCREECH!
ビリリ
JOLT
?!
WATCH OU...!
ガッシャーン
CRASH!

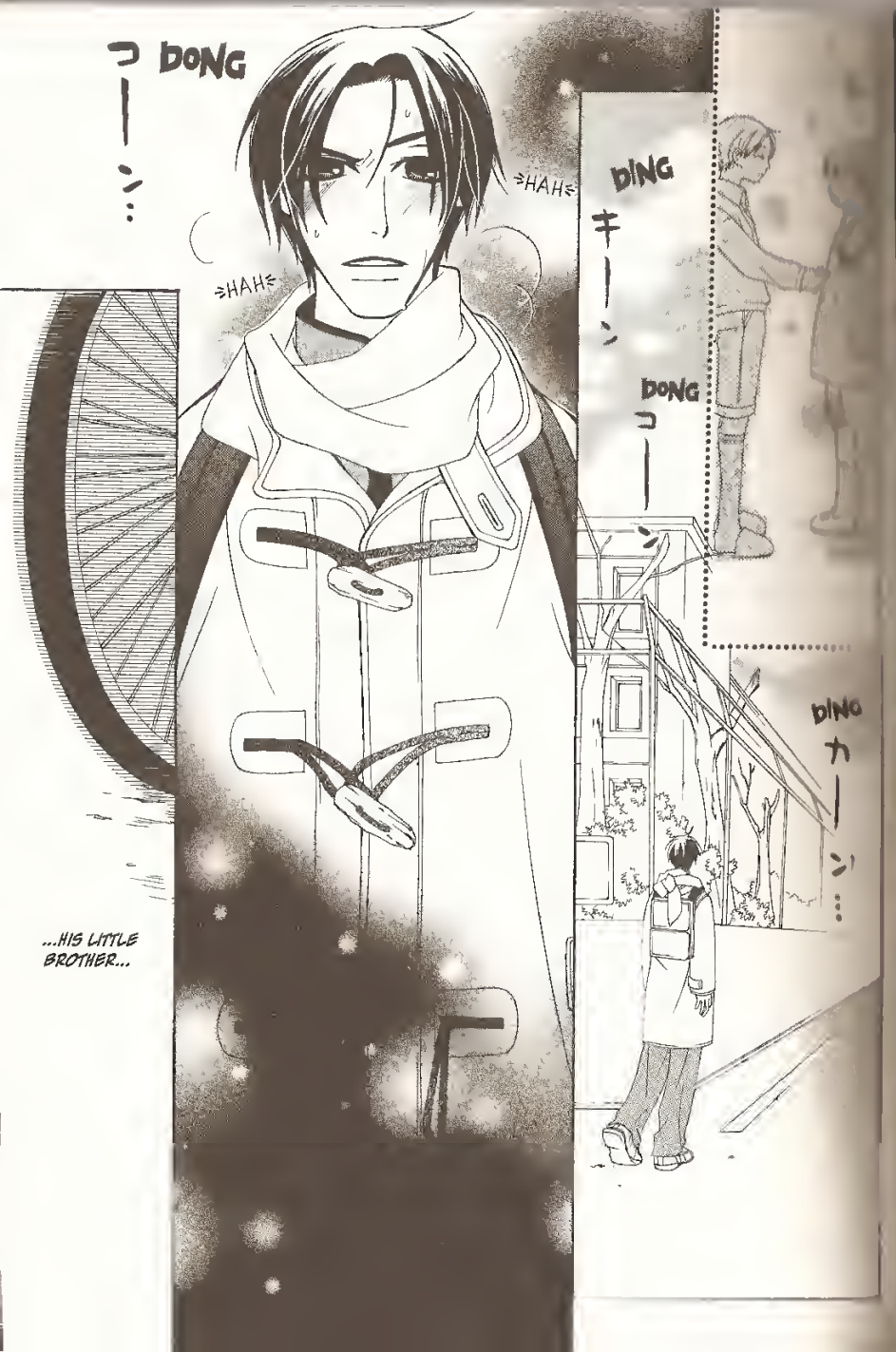
AKIRA!
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
STARTING TOMORROW, I'LL GO BY MY...
WHAT?!
NO, WAIT! THAT'S NOT WHAT I--
BUT...

Y...YOU GO ON AHEAD, BROTHER.
YOU'LL BE LATE.
HUH? BUT—
IT'S OKAY. I'M FINE.
THIS IS NOT GOOD AT ALL!
I'M SO SORRY...
WE WEREN'T LOOKING WHERE WE WERE GOING, AND...
OWW...
ARE YOU HURT, SIR?

CLATTER
...
...
BLUSH
TH...THIS IS NOT GOOD—
WHSH!
A...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? AKIRA!
WH—
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

NOW, THEN—
I'M OKAY TOO
...
...
THEN...MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT LATE EITHER, OKAY? AKIRA.
OKAY.
...
...

I SAID I'M OKAY!
BUT AKIRA...
THWAP
UMM...
I'M BEING IGNORED OVER HERE-
HEEEY


DONG
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...HIS LITTLE BROTHER...
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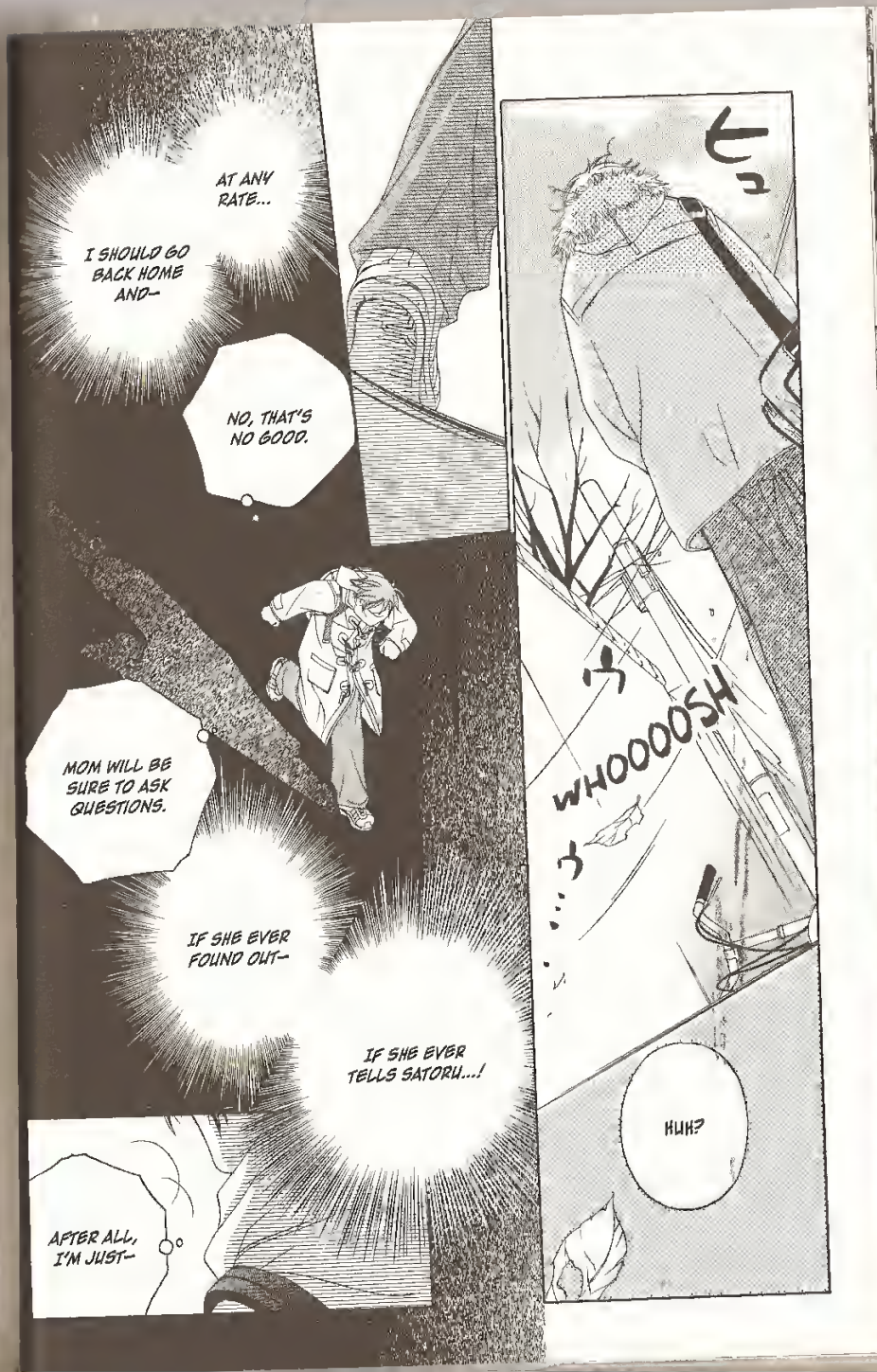
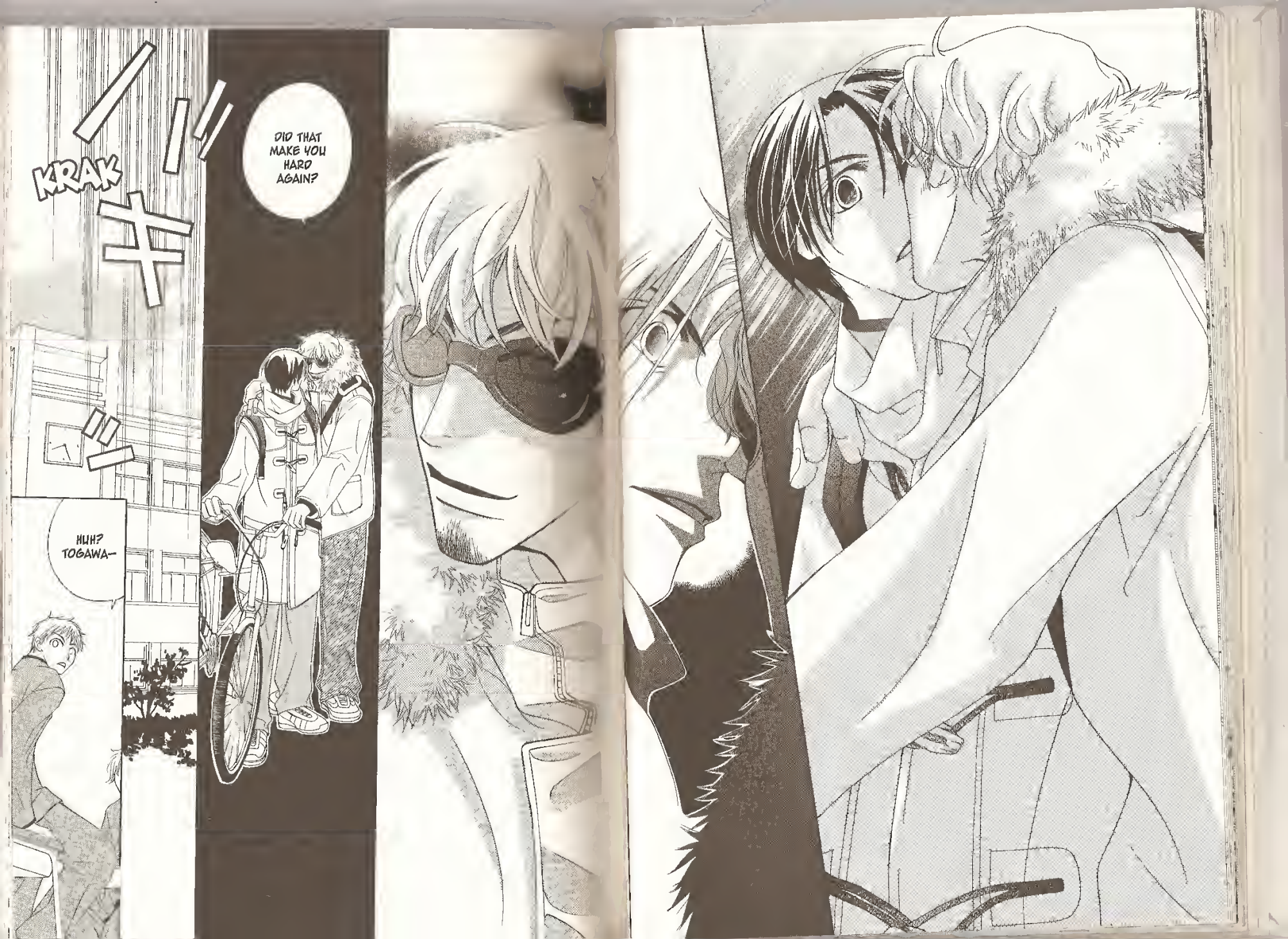
カーン…

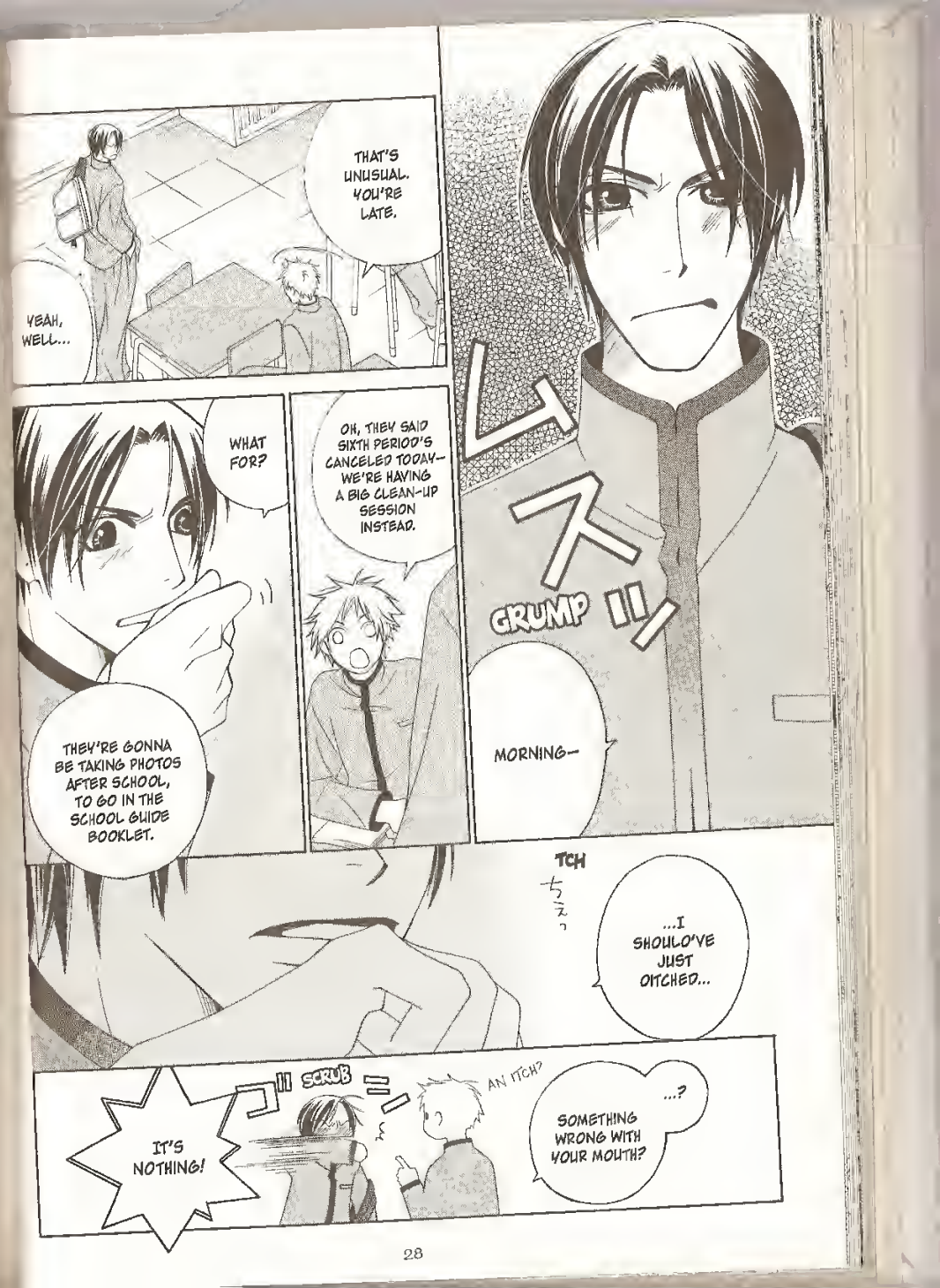

AT ANY RATE...
I SHOULD GO BACK HOME AND-
NO, THAT'S NO GOOD.
MOM WILL BE SURE TO ASK QUESTIONS.
IF SHE EVER FOUND OUT-
IF SHE EVER TELLS SATORU...!
AFTER ALL, I'M JUST-
ヒュ
WHOOOOSH
HUH?

WHIP
ばっ
OH-
HUUHH-?
...
...
THANKS FOR RETURNING THE BIKE.
CLATTER
CLATTER
PLOD
PLOD
BLUSH
W-WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING M-

SPECIAL DELIVERY.
DING
DING-
OH-!
UH-OH, YOU'RE TARDY.
HAS YOUR LITTLE SOLDIER STOPPED STANDING AT ATTENTION?
SO?


KRAK
DID THAT MAKE YOU HARD AGAIN?
HUH? TOGAWA-

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
THIS—
...IS THE PHOTOGRAPHER WHO WILL BE TAKING THE PICTURES TODAY, PRINCIPAL.
MY NAME IS KAORU NAKAHARA.
PLEASE DO SIT DOWN
OH? YOUR FACE—
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
AH— YES.
I WAS JUST SNEAKING A LITTLE TASTE OF A TIDBIT, BUT...
IT WAS SO GOOD THAT I'M AFRAID I GOT A BIT TOO GREEDY.


THAT'S UNUSUAL. YOU'RE LATE.
YEAH, WELL...
レスト
GRUMP !!
MORNING—
OH, THEY SAID SIXTH PERIOD'S CANCELED TODAY— WE'RE HAVING A BIG CLEAN-UP SESSION INSTEAD.
WHAT FOR?
THEY'RE GONNA BE TAKING PHOTOS AFTER SCHOOL, TO GO IN THE SCHOOL GUIDE BOOKLET.
TCH
...I SHOULD'VE JUST OITCHED...
SCRUB
AN ITCH?
...?
SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR MOUTH?
IT'S NOTHING!

HOW DO YOU WRITE YOUR NAME, "AKIRA," IN KANJI?
NIKON
JUST THE SAME AS THEY'D ALWAYS DONE...

THE TENTH WINTER SINCE I BECAME A PART OF THE TOGAWA FAMILY—
OH MAN...
I DON'T FEEL LIKE GOING HOME...
I WONDER IF BROTHER'S MAD AT ME... WHAT EXCUSE CAN I GIVE?
"MY STOMACH WAS HURTING"...? NAH—
SIGH—
CLICK
HEY—
I THOUGHT THE DAYS WOULD CONTINUE TO GO BY...

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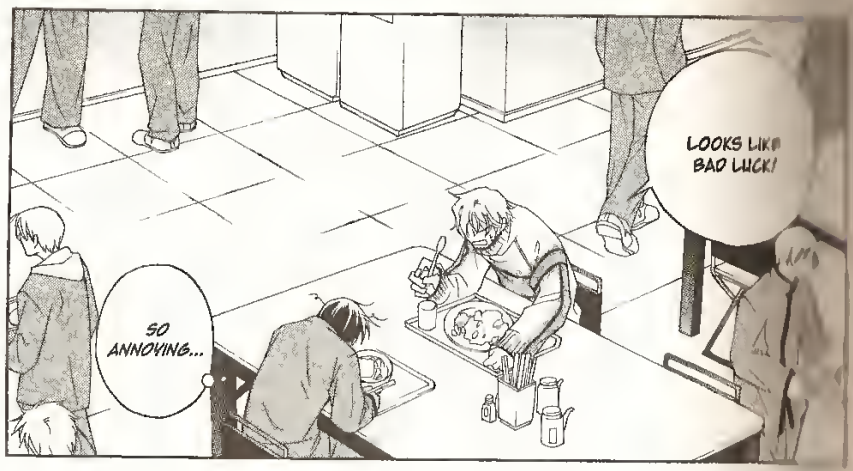
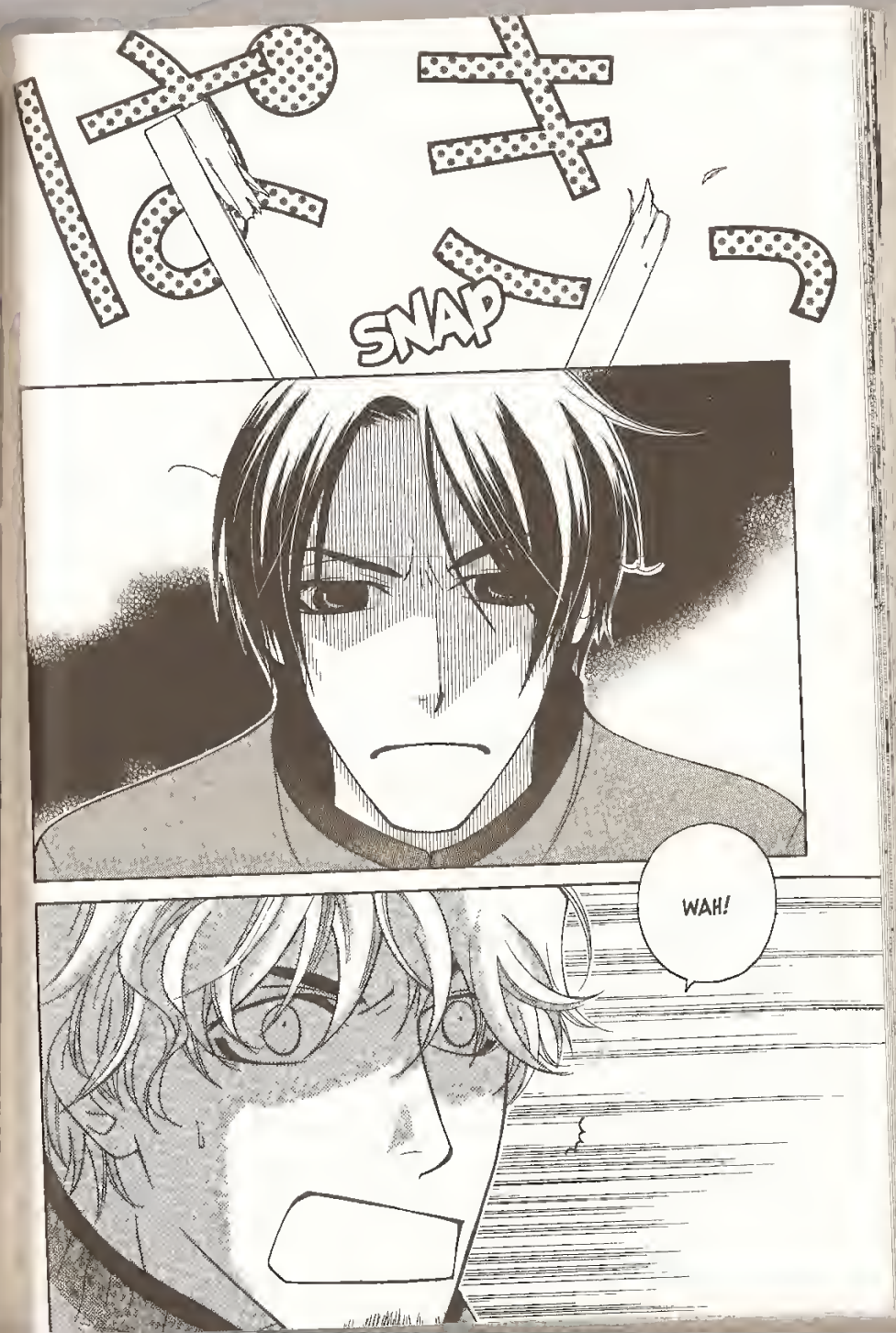
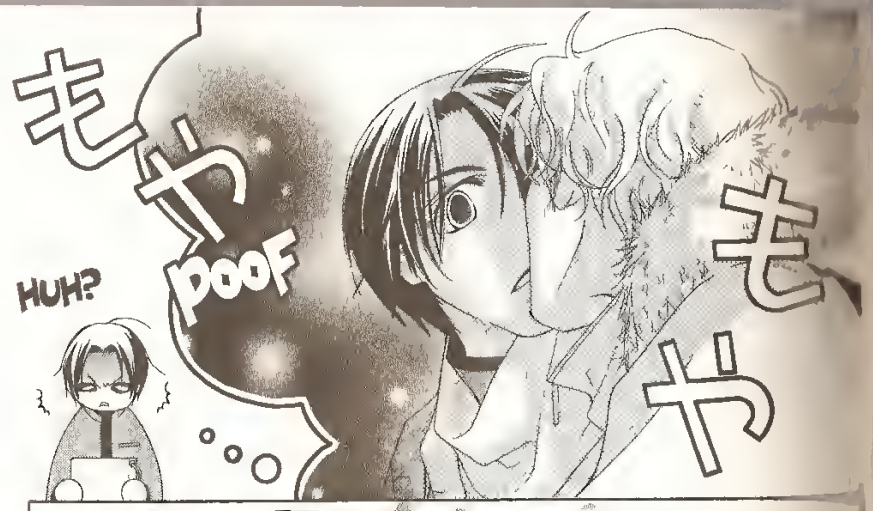

LOOKS LIKE BAD LUCK!
SO ANNOYING...

WHAT?!
I'VE DECIDED TO STICK AROUND FOR A WHILE LONGER.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST TAKE YOUR PHOTOS AND LEAVE?
WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE TODAY ?
ACTUALLY, THIS PARTICULAR JOB DIDN'T INTEREST ME AT FIRST, BUT...


SNAP
WAH!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HUH?
POOF
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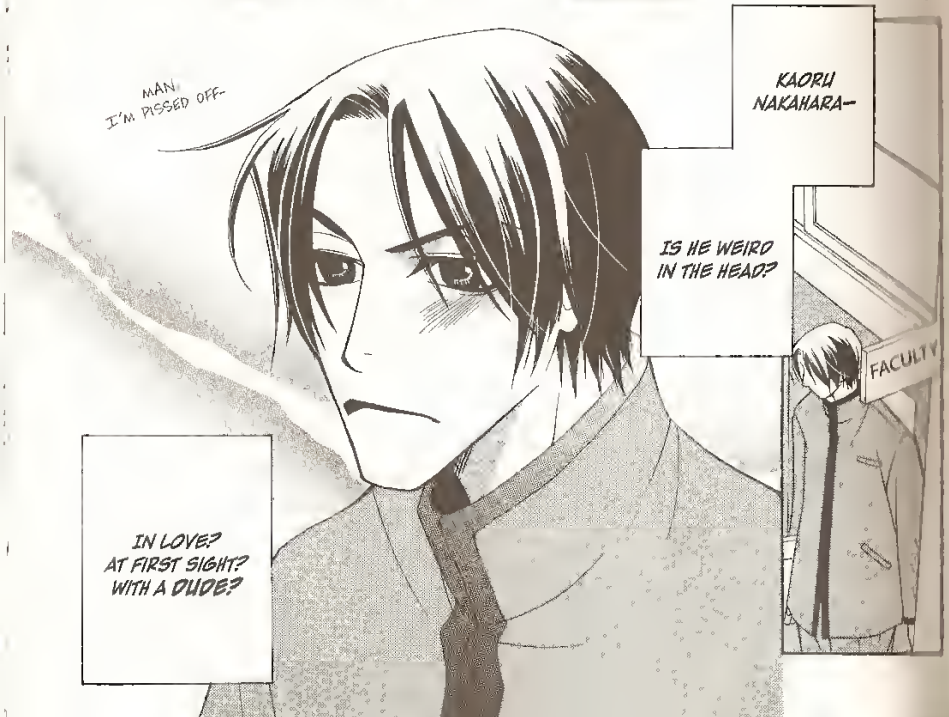
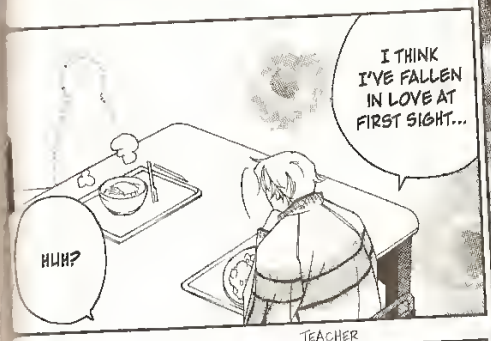
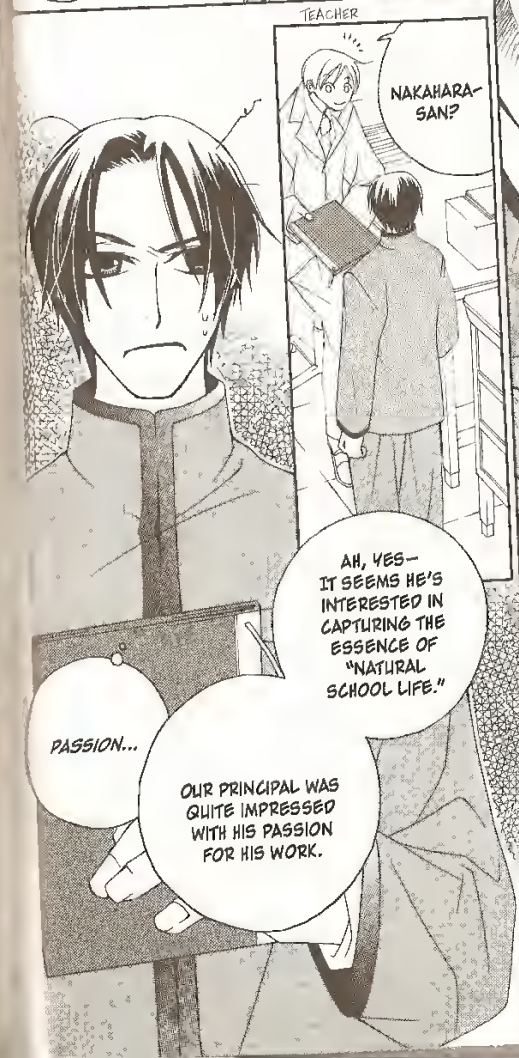
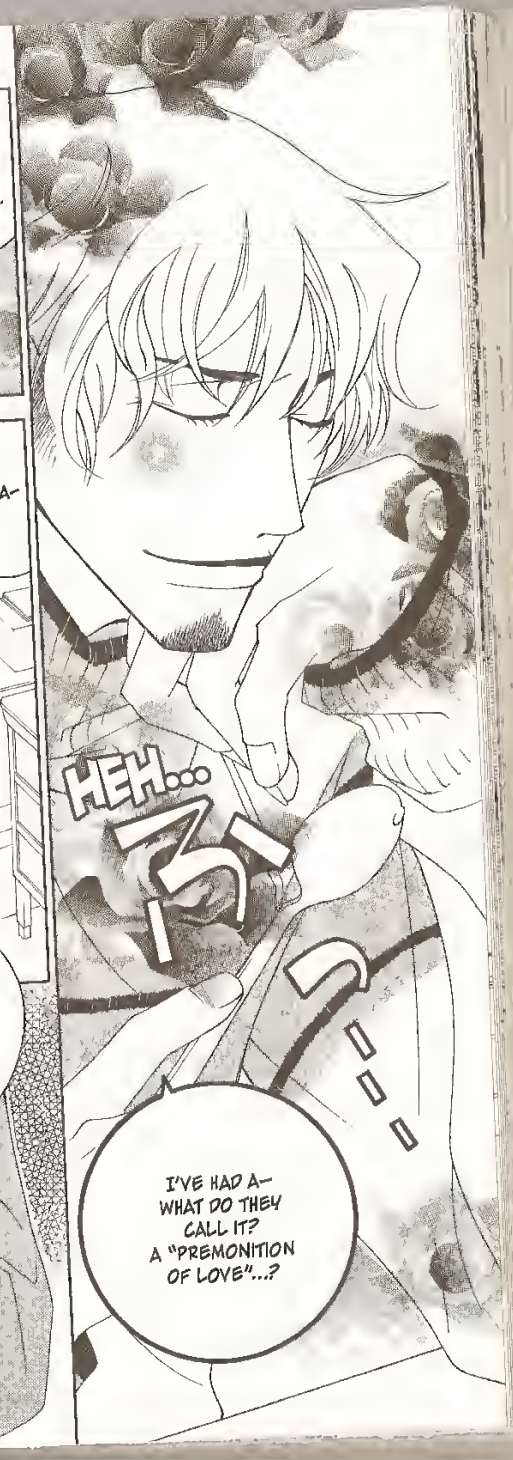
4TH GRADE
ZZZ-
SNORE-
SO THERE! (?)
IT IT'S NOT LIKE IT WAS MY FIRST TIME, OKAY?!
?


MAN, I'M PISSED OFF-
KAORU NAKAHARA-
IS HE WEIRD IN THE HEAD?
FACULTY
IN LOVE? AT FIRST SIGHT? WITH A DUDE?

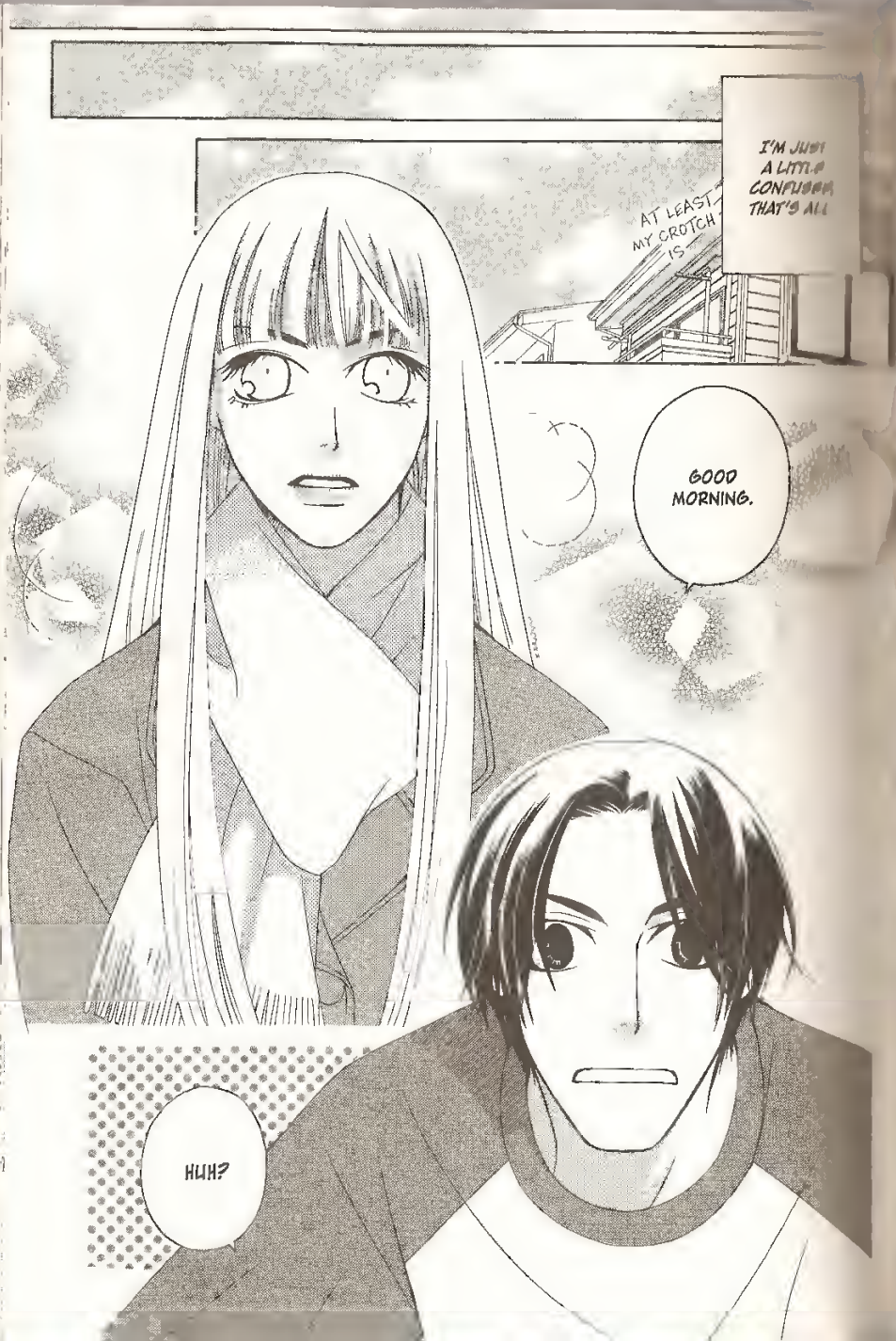

I THINK I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT...
HUH?

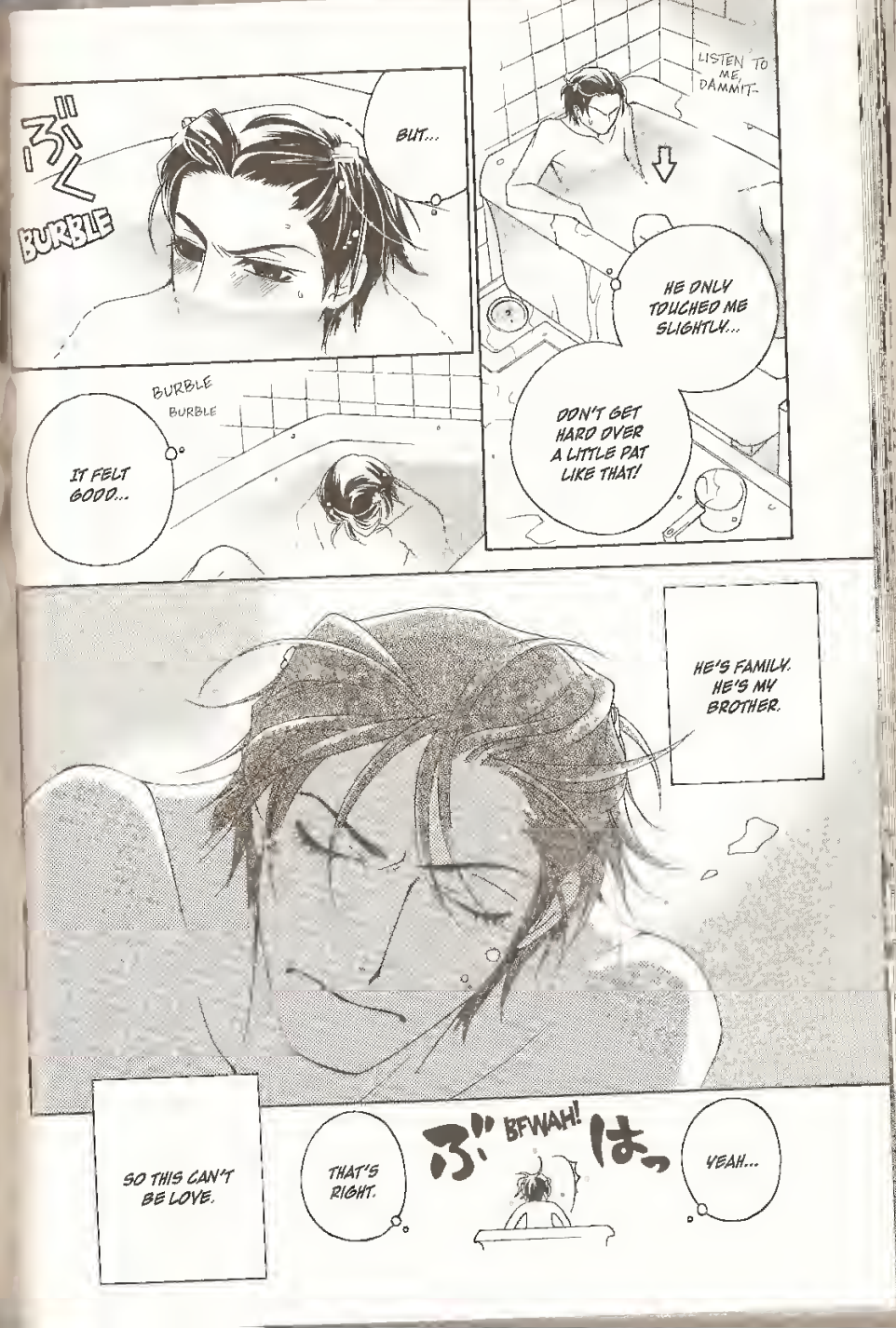

TEACHER
NAKAHARA-SAN?
AH, YES- IT SEEMS HE'S INTERESTED IN CAPTURING THE ESSENCE OF "NATURAL SCHOOL LIFE."
PASSION...
OUR PRINCIPAL WAS QUITE IMPRESSED WITH HIS PASSION FOR HIS WORK.


HEH...
I'VE HAD A- WHAT DO THEY CALL IT? A "PREMONITION OF LOVE"...?

I'M GONNA GO TAKE MY BATH!
DASH
YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE HERE
EEP!
YOU SEE, FOR THIS PROBLEM
...!
PAT!
THERE WAS THAT INCIDENT YESTERDAY, BUT...
THAT WAS CLOSE.
BROTHER DOESN'T SEEM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT IT.
THANK GOODNESS...
I'M TOO SENSITIVE TO HIS PRESENCE...

YOUR TURN FOR A BATH—
OF COURSE IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
WHAM!
JOLT!
OH.
HOMEWORK?
I'LL BE DONE IN A SEC.
AKIRA—


I'M JUST A LITTLE CONFUSED, THAT'S ALL
AT LEAST MY CROTCH IS—
GOOD MORNING.
HUH?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BURBLE
BUT...
LISTEN TO ME, DAMMIT—
HE ONLY TOUCHED ME SLIGHTLY...
DON'T GET HARD OVER A LITTLE PAT LIKE THAT!
BURBLE
BURBLE
IT FELT GOOD...
HE'S FAMILY. HE'S MY BROTHER.
SO THIS CAN'T BE LOVE.
THAT'S RIGHT.
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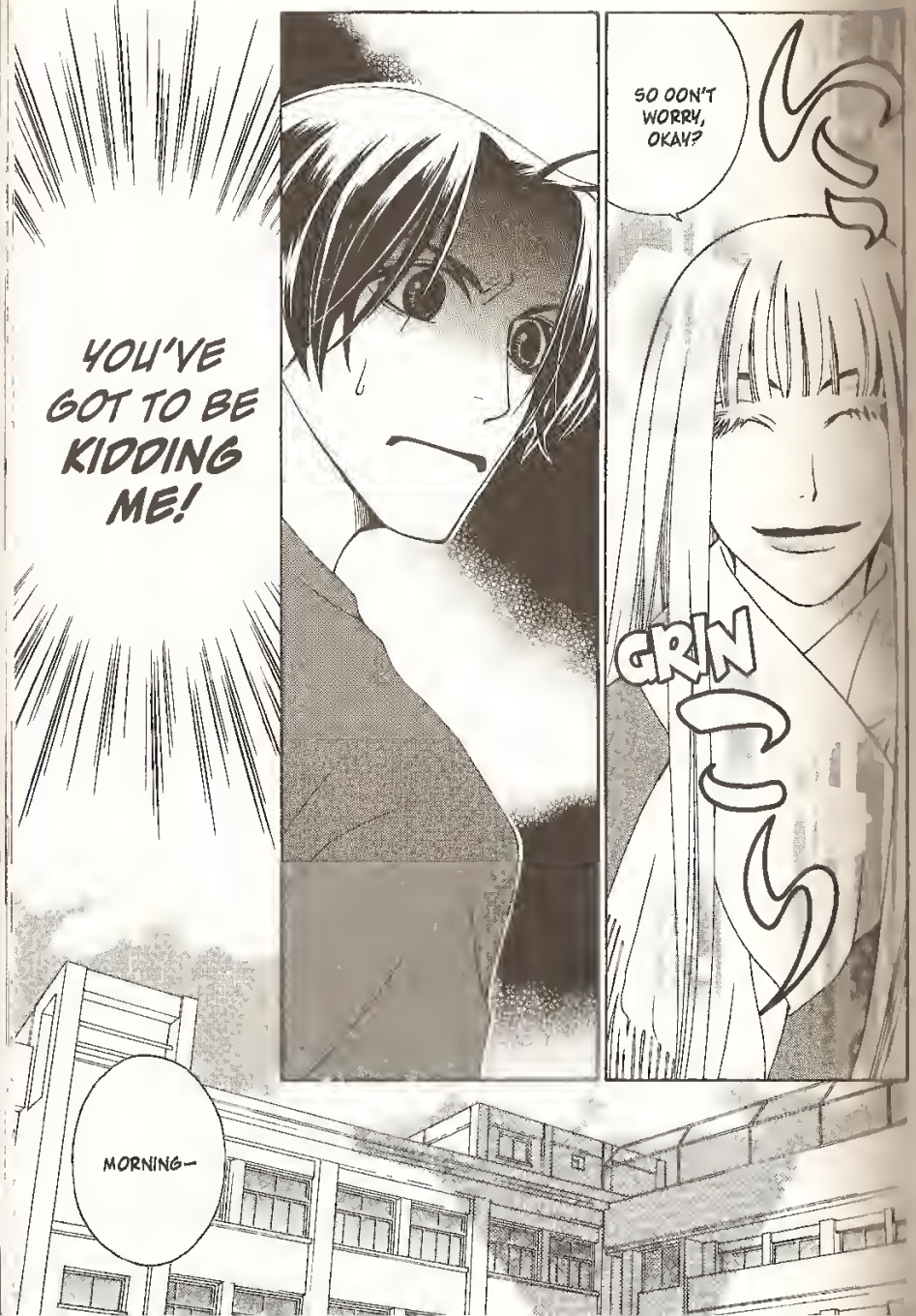
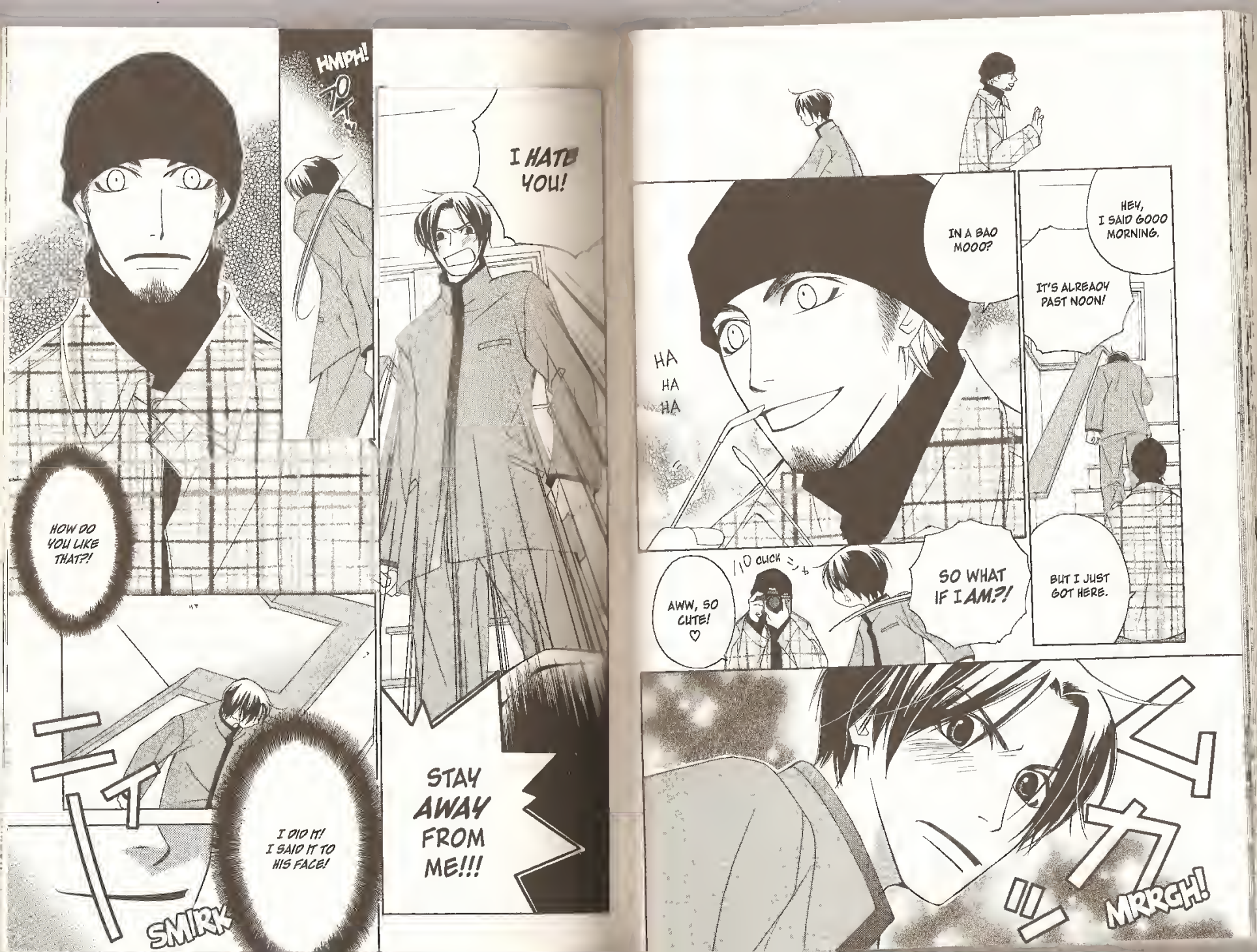
YEAH...


YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!
SO DON'T WORRY, OKAY?
GRIN
MORNING—

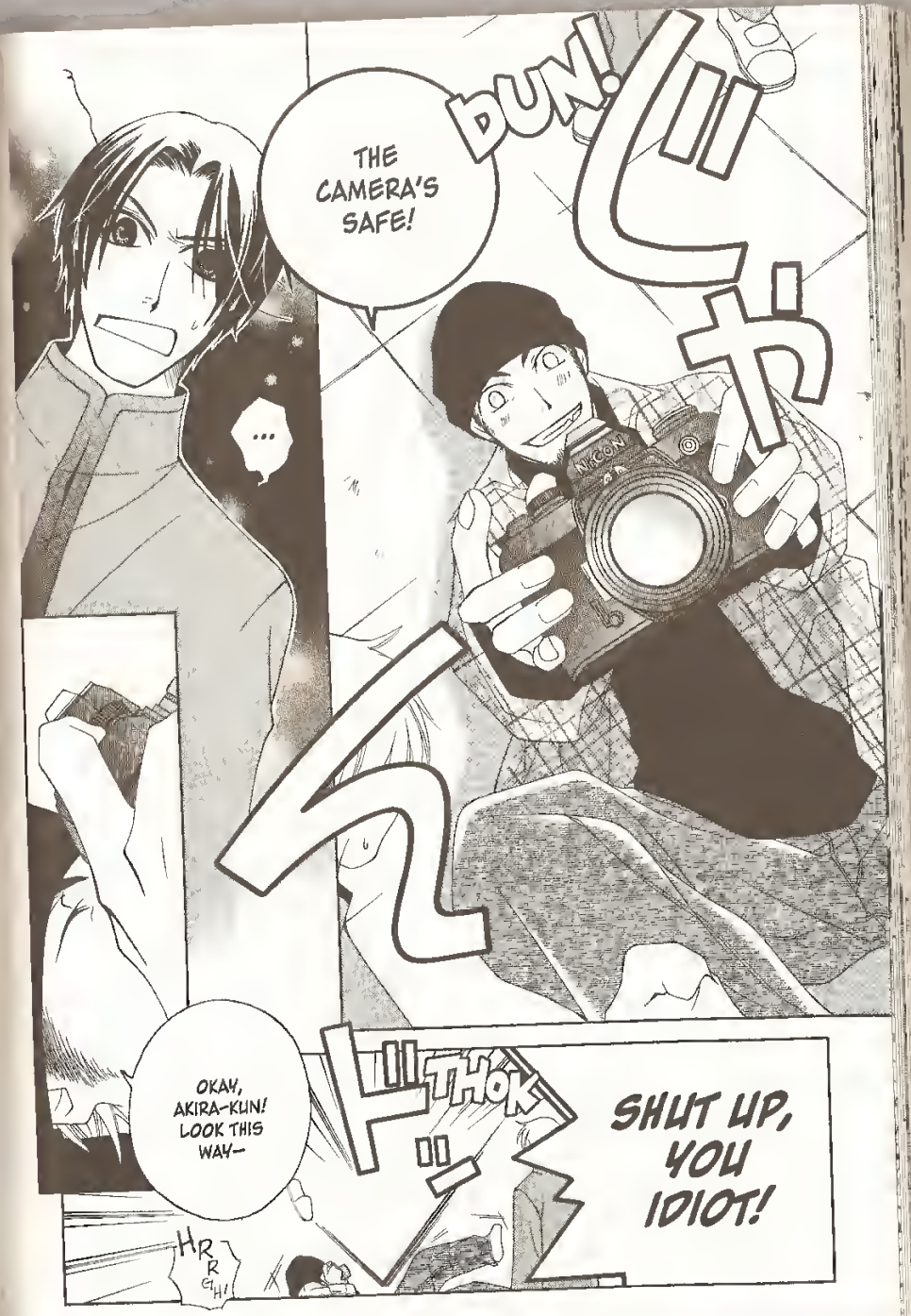
WHAT?!
STOMP
ばた
STOMP
ばた
GOOD MORNING, MIYATA-SAN!
WHO—
?!
AM I TOO EARLY?
YOU'VE GOT BED HAIR
NO, NOT AT ALL.
ネコ
SURPRISE!
耳
MIYATA-SAN SAYS SHE'LL WALK ME TO SCHOOL.
AKIRA...
STARTING FROM TODAY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE ME TO SCHOOL ANYMORE.
BUT BROTHER! THIS CAN'T BE! BECAUSE—
IT'S ALRIGHT. I WON'T LET HIM GO OFF WITH ANY STRANGERS, OR BE CHASED BY A DOG AND GET HIS FOOT CAUGHT IN A DRAINAGE DITCH OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.


HMPH!
I HATE YOU!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?!
I DID IT! I SAID IT TO HIS FACE!
SMIRK
STAY AWAY FROM ME!!!
HEY, I SAID GOOD MORNING.
IT'S ALREADY PAST NOON!
IN A BAD MOOD?
HA HA HA
BUT I JUST GOT HERE.
SO WHAT IF I AM?!
CLICK
AWW, SO CUTE! ♡
MRRGH!

WHUMP
THUMP
WHAP!
GAAAH!
BAM!
HMPH
TH...

DAMMIT...!
WHAT'S UP WITH THIS GUY?! AND THAT... THAT GIRL?!
AND WHAT'S UP WITH BROTHER, TOO?!
SNAP
OOH, YOU'RE BLUSHING!
CLICK
WOW, DID YOU JUST GET ANGRY?
YOU WERE SO DOCILE IN FRONT OF YOUR BIG BROTHER.
CHUCKLE
!!

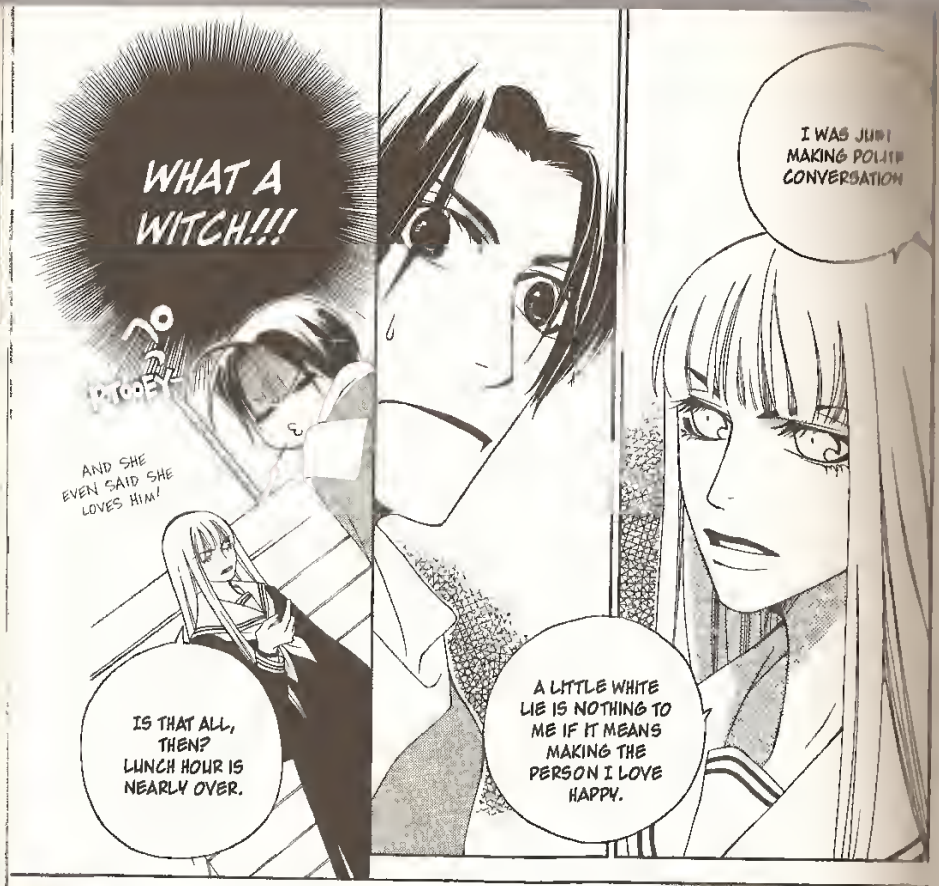
HMM?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "HMM"? SATORU?
I'M DONE.
I'VE NEVER BEEN SO PISSED OFF IN MY LIFE!!!
OH MY— HE HARDLY ATE ANYTHING.
IS HE IN HIS REBELLIOUS STAGE?
...
...
THAT MIYATA-SAN SURE IS A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY.


DUN!
THE CAMERA'S SAFE!
...
OKAY, AKIRA-KUN! LOOK THIS WAY—
THOK
SHUT UP, YOU IDIOT!
HR R GHI

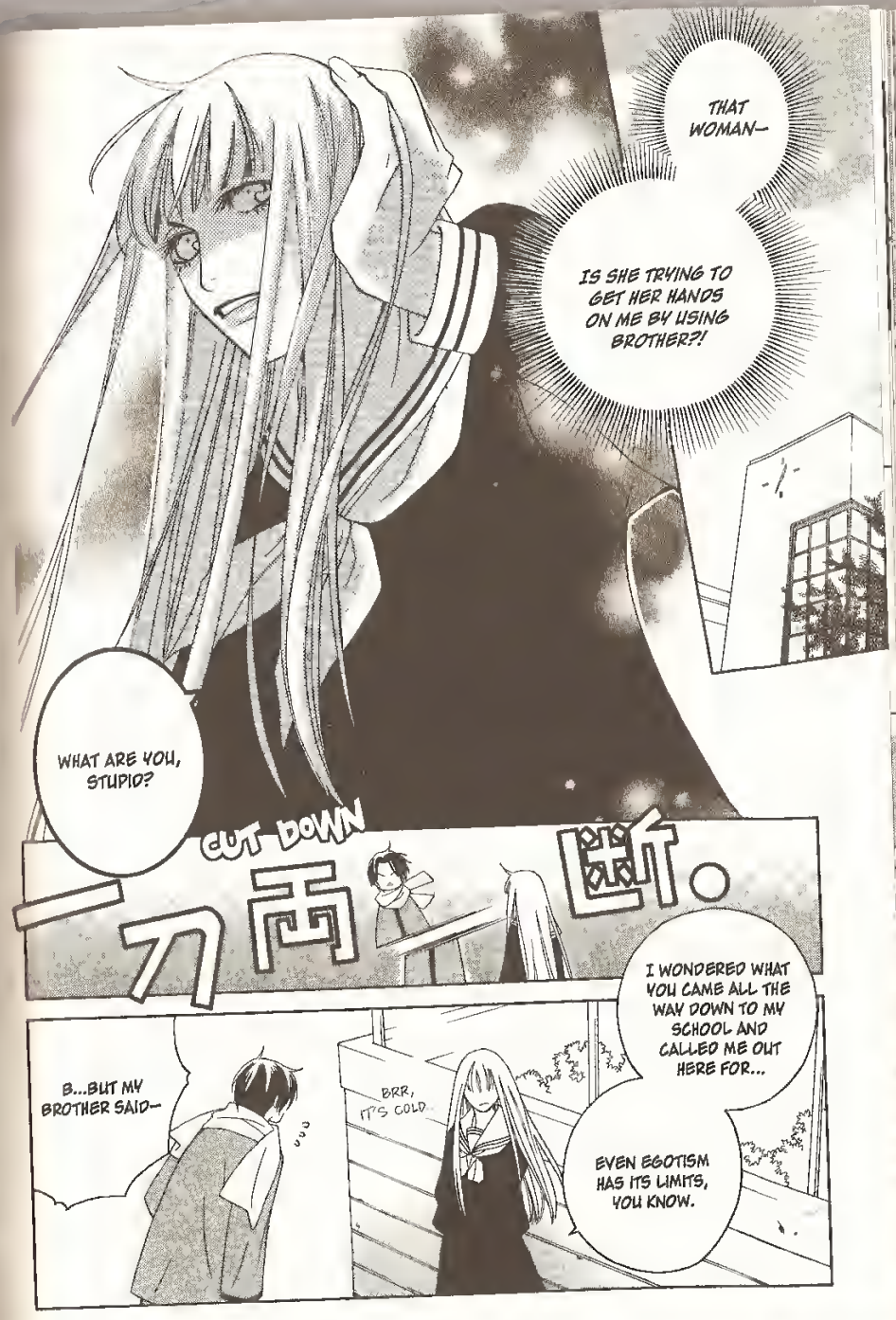
KNOCK
AKIRA—
MOTHER SAYS SHE'S PEELED SOME APPLES FOR YOU.
I DON'T WANT ANY.
...
...
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN SUCH A BURDEN TO YOU, HAVEN'T I, AKIRA?
I'M SORRY.
ARE YOU ANGRY?
SO?
YOU HAVE YOUR OWN LIFE TO DEAL WITH.
I'M SURE THERE ARE THINGS YOU WANT TO DO ON YOUR OWN, TOO, AKIRA.
MRRGH...
SO ARE YOU SAYING YOU HAVE YOUR OWN LIFE...
...AND YOU WANT TO BE WITH THAT GIRL?
SO YOU DON'T NEED ME ANYMORE?! IS THAT IT?!
GRR
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH HER WHERE I CAN'T SEE YOU?!
OH... BY THE WAY—

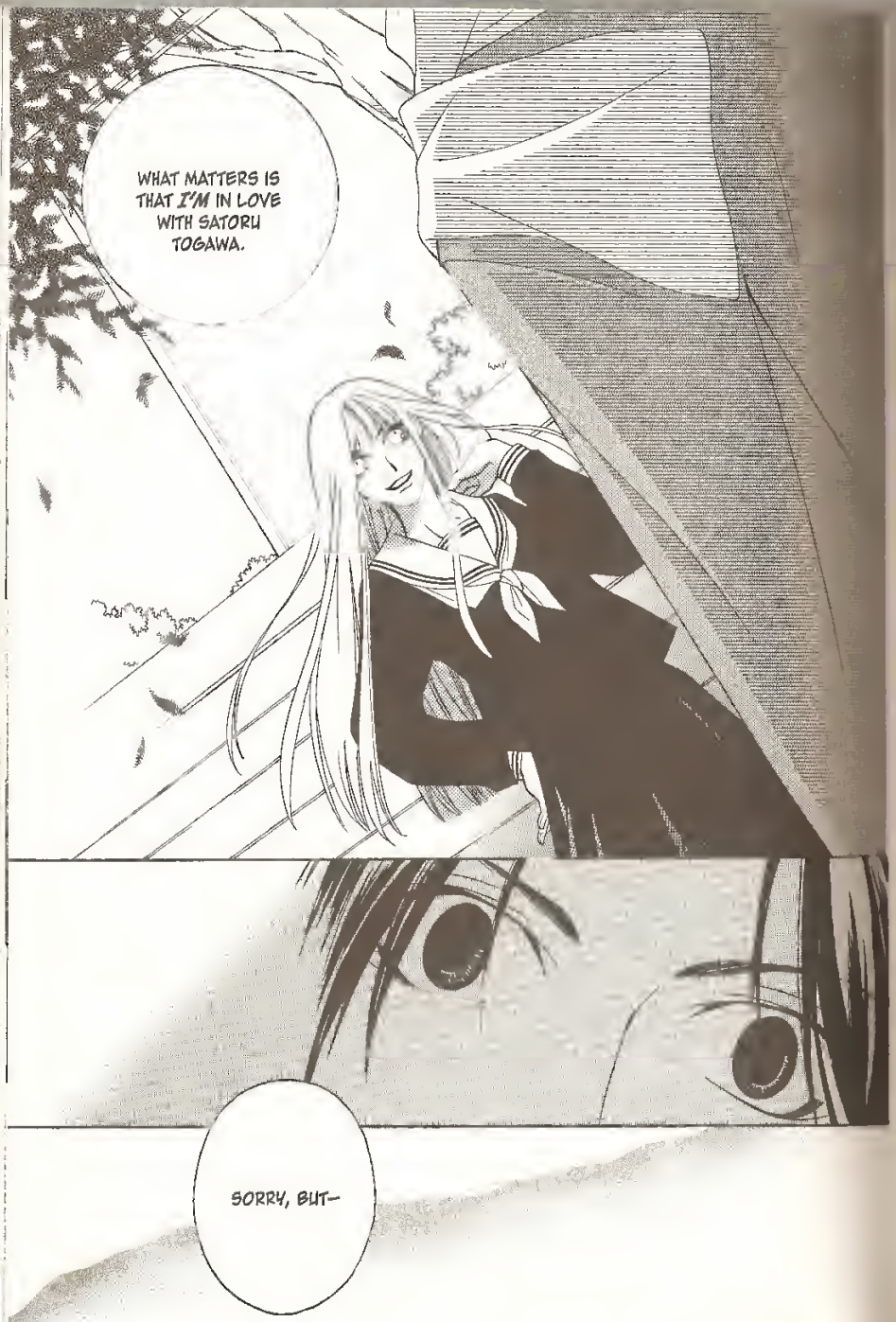
GLOW
SO SHE'S NOT HIS GIRLFRIEND!
IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'RE SEEING EACH OTHER, THEN!
SWEEP
SWEEP
GRRR
I GET IT!
I SEE!
LA-
LA-
OKAY! LET'S HAVE THOSE APPLES!
...HUH? WAIT...BUT THAT MEANS-
SHE'S A NICE PERSON, THAT MIYATA-SAN.
SLASH

ARE YOU SHOWING HER OFF TO ME NOW?
GRR
MIYATA-SAN WAS SAYING HOW GOOD-LOOKING SHE THINKS YOU ARE.
OH, I SEE, NO LUCK AT-
I'VE GOT NO LUCK AT ALL
YOU'RE SO POPULAR, AKIRA.
I WAS SO HAPPY WHEN SHE COMPLIMENTED YOU, AKIRA.
?
NEVER MIND
OH WELL
...UM...
SO WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS "MIYATA-SAN" OR WHATEVER HER NAME IS...?
HMM? SHE'S MY CLASSMATE.


WHAT A WITCH!!!
AND SHE EVEN SAID SHE LOVES HIM!
IS THAT ALL, THEN? LUNCH HOUR IS NEARLY OVER.
A LITTLE WHITE LIE IS NOTHING TO ME IF IT MEANS MAKING THE PERSON I LOVE HAPPY.
I WAS JUST MAKING POLITE CONVERSATION

YOU KNOW WHY? BECAUSE HE HAS NO FEELINGS LIKE THAT FOR YOU WHATSOEVER!
...IT'LL NEVER WORK.
YOU CAN TRY TO GET CLOSE TO BROTHER THAT WAY, BUT...


THAT WOMAN—
IS SHE TRYING TO GET HER HANDS ON ME BY USING BROTHER?!
WHAT ARE YOU, STUPID?
CUT DOWN
I WONDERED WHAT YOU CAME ALL THE WAY DOWN TO MY SCHOOL AND CALLED ME OUT HERE FOR...
EVEN EGOTISM HAS ITS LIMITS, YOU KNOW.
BRR, IT'S COLD
B...BUT MY BROTHER SAID—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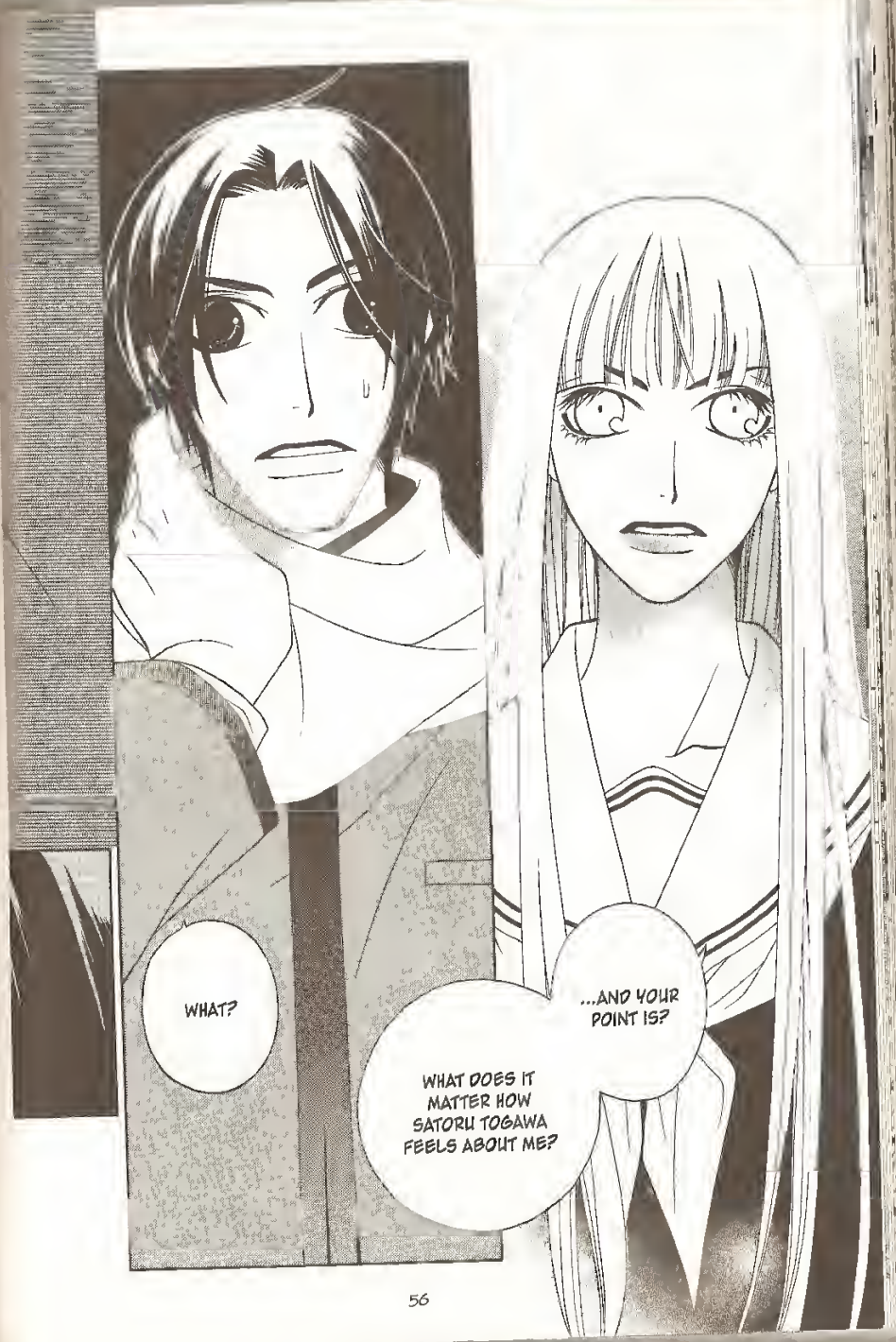
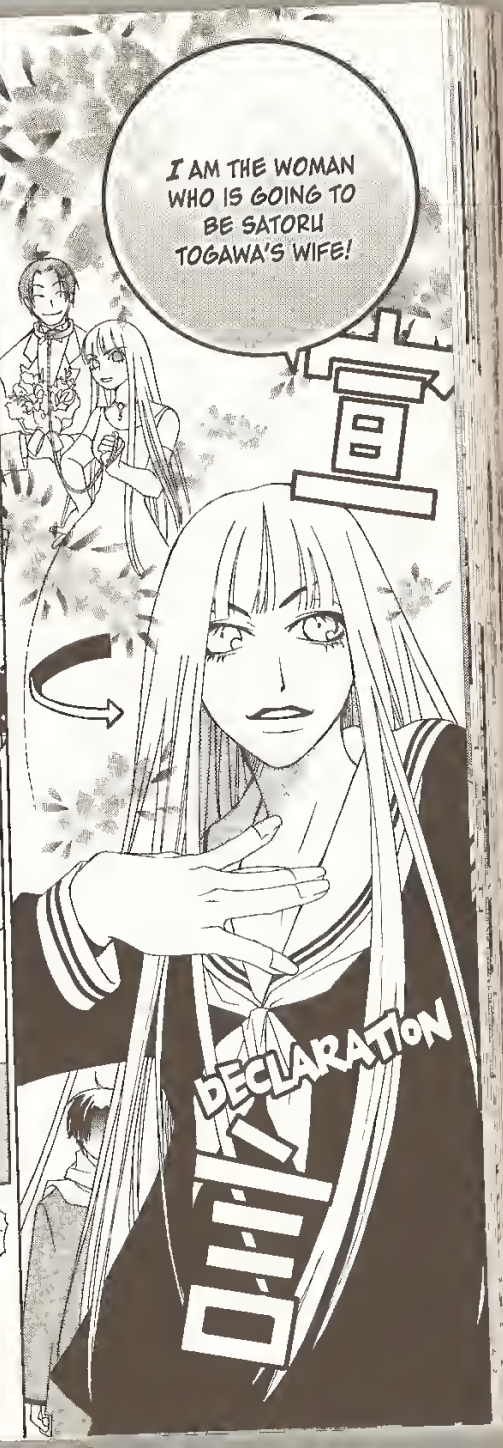
SORRY, BUT—


WHAT?
WHAT DOES IT MATTER HOW SATORU TOGAWA FEELS ABOUT ME?
...AND YOUR POINT IS?

HUH?
MORNING—
骨折
ARM FRACTURE

OH—
WHERE'VE YOU BEEN, MAN?
?
SLUMP
TO HELL AND BACK...
YOU'VE BEEN CALLED TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.
WHAT DID YOU DO NOW, DUDE?
YAMADA-SENSEI HAS BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU
TOGAWA-KUN!


I AM THE WOMAN WHO IS GOING TO BE SATORU TOGAWA'S WIFE!
宣言
DECLARATION

IT'S MY FAULT FOR LOSING MY BALANCE.
BUT THERE WERE OTHER STUDENTS WHO WITNESSED...
MRGH!
I PUSHED HIM DOWN THE STAIRS. I'M SORRY!
THEN YOU ARE PREPARED TO FACE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR YOUR ACTIONS?
YES.
I DON'T CARE ANYMORE...

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
TOGAWA-KUN, IS IT TRUE YOU PUSHED HIM DOWN THE STAIRS?!
...OH...
NO-
おっ
TOGAWA-KUN ONLY GAVE ME A SLIGHT BUMP.
!

TOGAWA-KUN.
Y—
AS PASSIONATE ABOUT HIS JOB AS NAKAHARA-SAN MAY BE
...HE CANNOT WORK WITH HIS ARM LIKE THIS.
WE DISCUSSED THE OPTION OF HAVING HIM RETURN ONCE HIS ARM HAS HEALED, BUT—
NAKAHARA-SAN INSISTS THAT HE'D LIKE TO CONTINUE WORKING.
YOU WILL BE...

WHAT IS UP WITH THAT WOMAN ANYWAY?
WHERE DOES SHE GET HER CONFIDENCE FROM?
ORDINARILY, ON-CAMPUS VIOLENCE IS PUNISHABLE BY SUSPENSION, BUT...
...SINCE NAKAHARA-SAN IS BEING SO GRACIOUS—
D. DIFFERENT FORM ?
WORRY
WORRY
...YOUR PUNISHMENT WILL TAKE A DIFFERENT FORM.
OKAY, IT'S TRUE SHE MAY BE A LITTLE BIT PRETTY—
AND SHE GOT INTO THE SAME SCHOOL AS BROTHER..
AS I'M SURE YOU'RE ALREADY AWARE...
NAKAHARA-SAN IS IN THE PROCESS OF TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS OF OUR CAMPUS.
...WHICH MEANS SHE MUST HAVE BRAINS, TOO.
YES...

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ASSISTING NAKAHARA-SAN'S WORK ON-CAMPUS.

THIS BLOWS!!!

TH—

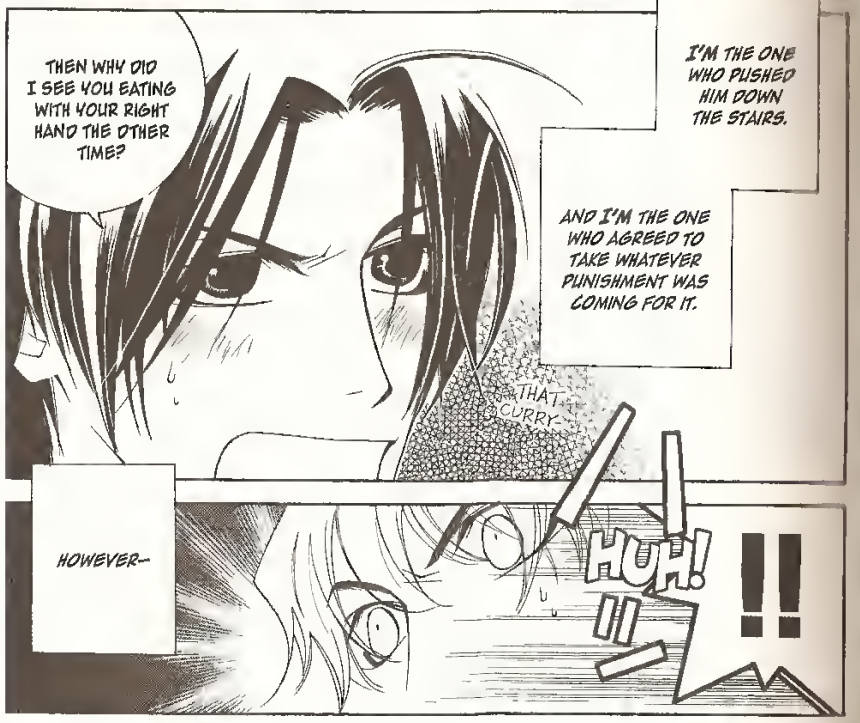
EVERYTHING JUST... TOTALLY BLOWS...

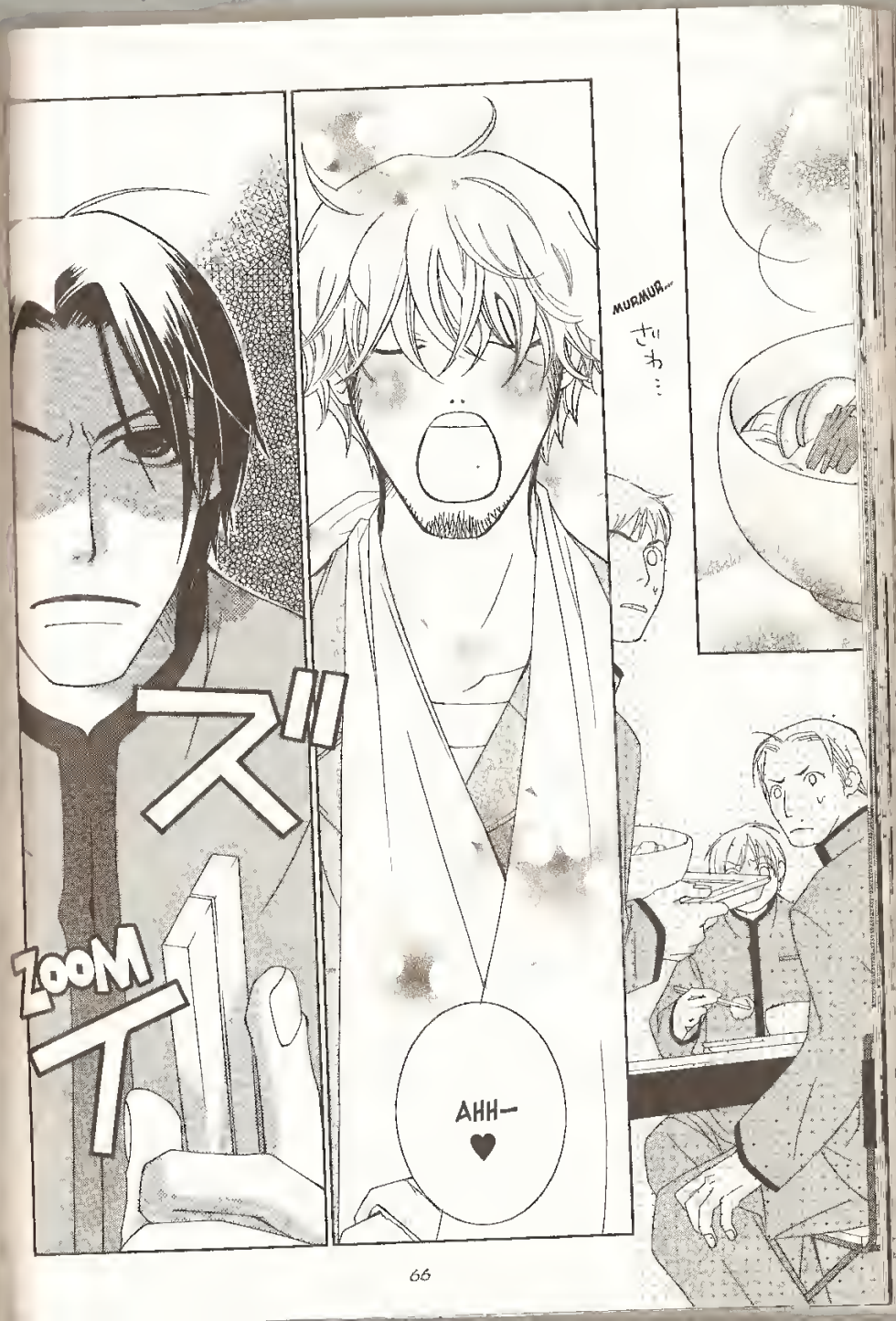
NICE TO BE WORKING WITH YOU.

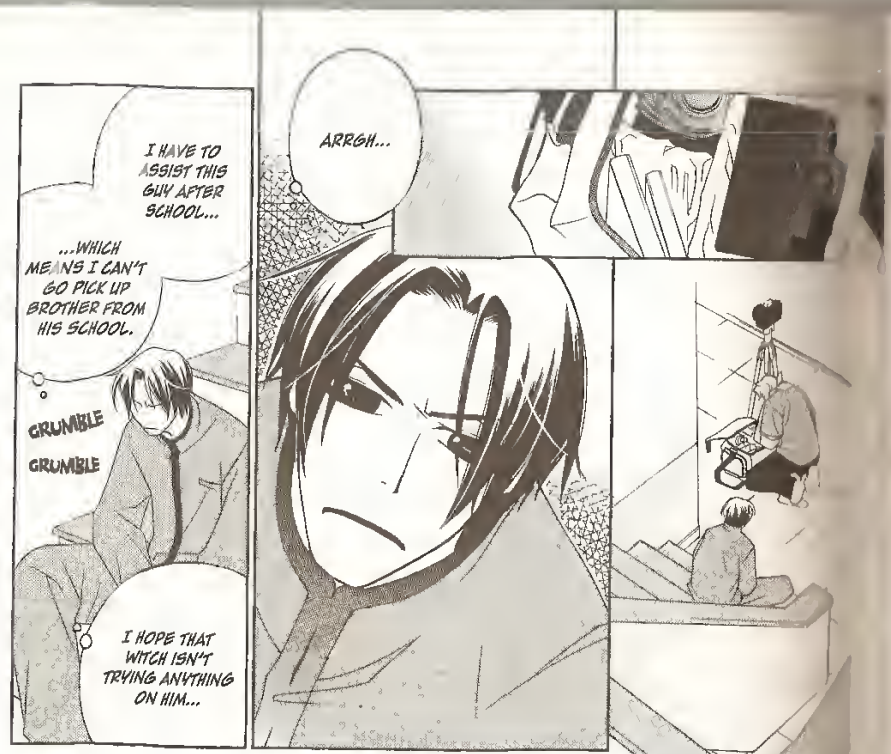
CHUCKLE

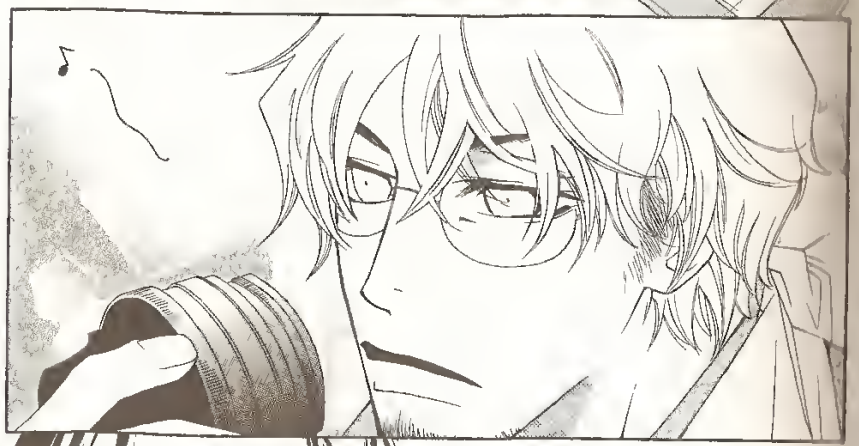
AREN'T YOU LUCKY, TOGAWA-KUN?!

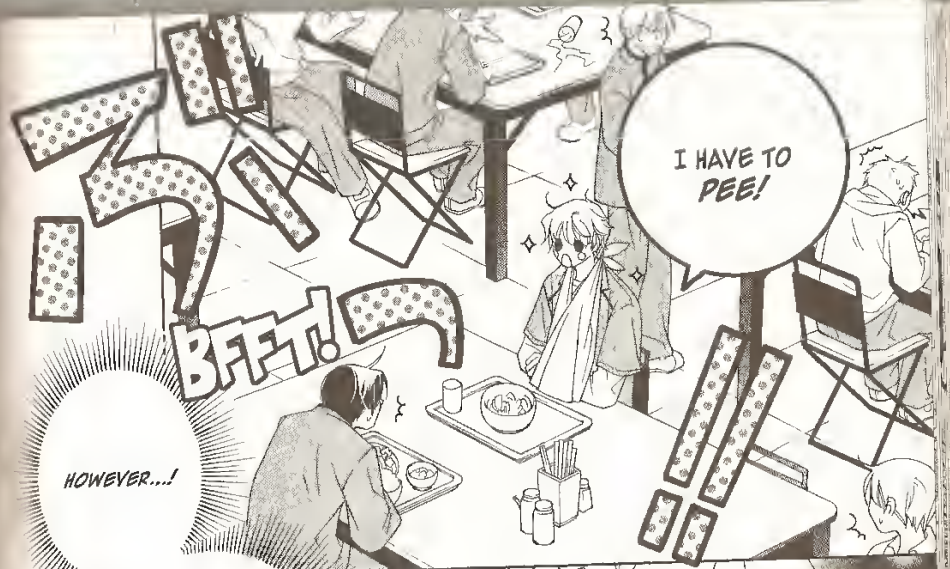
LIAR!
ヒソ
SPANG!
I'M A LEFTY.
GAWK
GAWK
GAWK

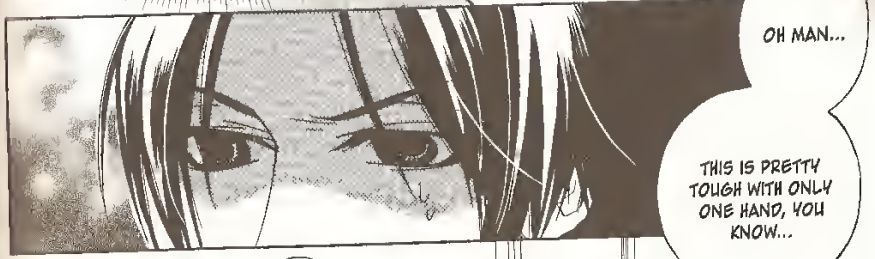

THEN WHY DID I SEE YOU EATING WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND THE OTHER TIME?
I'M THE ONE WHO PUSHED HIM DOWN THE STAIRS.
AND I'M THE ONE WHO AGREED TO TAKE WHATEVER PUNISHMENT WAS COMING FOR IT.
THAT CURRY
HOWEVER—
HUH!!


ZOOM
MURMUR...
AHH—♥

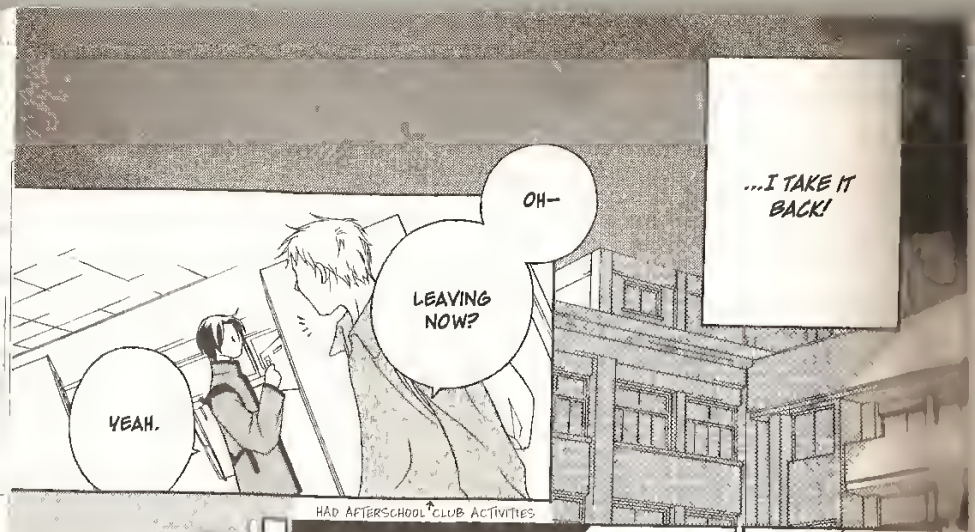

I HAVE TO ASSIST THIS GUY AFTER SCHOOL...
...WHICH MEANS I CAN'T GO PICK UP BROTHER FROM HIS SCHOOL.
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
I HOPE THAT WITCH ISN'T TRYING ANYTHING ON HIM...
ARRGH...



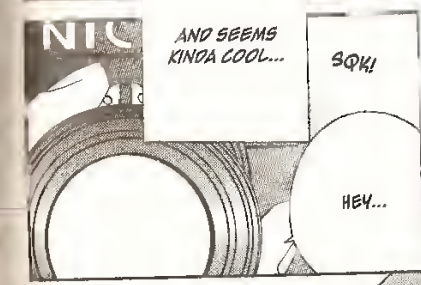

I HAVE TO PEE!
BFFT!
HOWEVER...!
I NEVER WOULD'VE IMAGINED THAT "ASSISTING" MEANT BEING HIS SLAVE...!
MEANIE!



OH MAN...
THIS IS PRETTY TOUGH WITH ONLY ONE HAND, YOU KNOW...
...
...
GRR
HERE.
DEMEANING
I HAVE TO WIPE YOUR HAND?!



HAD AFTERSCHOOL CLUB ACTIVITIES



SATORU, MIYATA-SAN'S HERE!
FWSH!
HMM—
I CAN'T TELL
HIS BREATH...
HIS LIPS...!
OKAAAY—
GASP-
HRRRM-
SNORT-
I'M GONNA DIE...
BREATHE IN, OUT-
IN... CALM DOWN-
WHEN HE GETS HOME, I'M GONNA GET HIM TO BABY ME SOME MORE...
THUNK...
HAVE A NICE DAY.
WELL, I'LL GET GOING
KEEP WARM AND STAY IN BED.

YEAH.
SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL...?
YAAY, YAAY— HE'S WORRYING OVER ME.
Y-YEAH...
THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO BE SO VIRTUOUS...
AND HANG AROUND TO ASSIST HIM...
CLONK!
GOT A FEVER?
OMG, FAKING AN ILLNESS IS THE BEST!!!
YOU FEEL SICK?

KAORU NAKAHARA- KANO MIYATA-
TCH
MORNING!
ALL I WANT...
...IS TO BE NEAR MY BROTHER!
ENDS UP
THAT'S ALL...
IN SCHOOL
6
HUH?
I'M OFF!!!
BUT I THOUGHT YOU FELT SICK?!
ARRGH!
DASH!
RECOV-ERED!!!
THEY'RE ALL SUCH A PAIN IN THE ASS!

OH? WHERE'S YOUR LITTLE BROTHER?
.....
HE ALWAYS WALKS WITH US PART-WAY.
HE'S NOT FEELING WELL TODAY...
SNUSH?
GLANCE
OH, I SEE... THEN DOES THAT MEAN...
WE'LL BE ALONE TOGETHER...?
BROTHER, MY BODY'S ALL SWEATY..
HERE, I'LL WIPE YOU DOWN...
SQUEEE-!
WHAT A GIRL

SO—
WHERE'S NAKAHARA-SAN?
HUH?
HE PROMISED
TO SHOW ME HIS PHOTOS
...IT'S WHAT NAKAHARA-SAN HIMSELF TOLD ME!
THAT'S UNEXPECTED
R... REALLY.
ISN'T HE GREAT?
TEACHER'S BEEN DUPED?!

SNAP...
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM YET TODAY...
COME TO THINK OF IT—
...
...

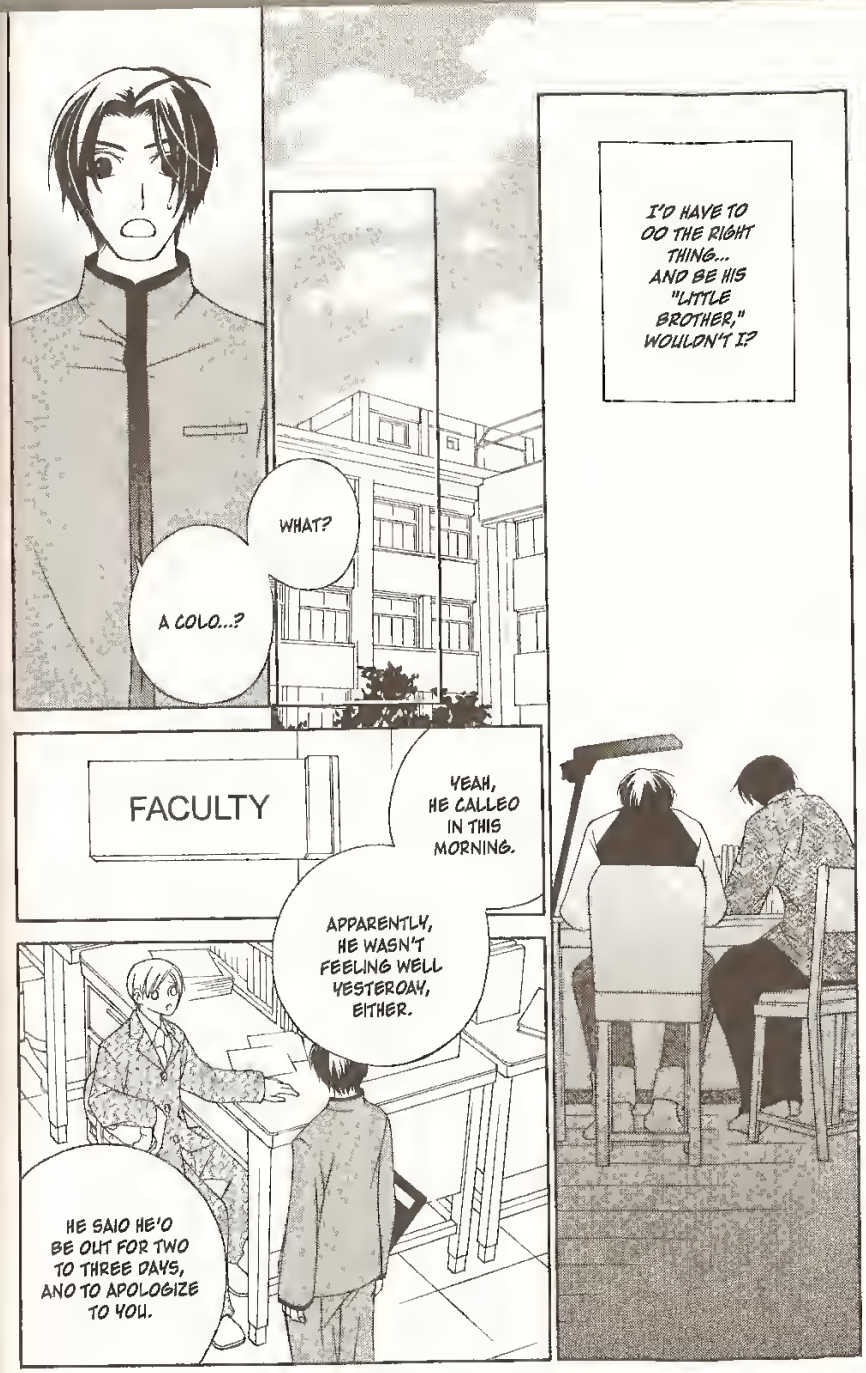
OH...IT'S JUST YOU, TEACHER.
WHEW...
"JUST" ME...? THAT'S NOT VERY NICE...!
HOW'S THE ASSISTING GOING?
TOGAWA-KUN.
JUMP!
NEVER MIND THE ASSISTING!
THAT GUY SEEMS LIKE HE'S JUST CLICKING THE SHUTTER AT RANDOM.
HE SEEMS TOTALLY SHADY TO ME.
STUBBLE

WELL... I DON'T REALLY KNOW THE DETAILS MYSELF, EITHER, BUT...
APPARENTLY, HE'S QUITE FAMOUS.
HE'S EVEN RECEIVED, UMM...SOME AWARD OR OTHER...

H...
HELP ME WITH MY HOMEWORK...
OH AKIRA—
HA HA HA
?
IS THERE ANYONE YOU LIKE?
IF MY BROTHER LOVED SOMEONE, NOT JUST BECAUSE HE WAS RELATED—
AND NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE JUST A CLASSMATE—
IF SOMEBODY LIKE THAT EVER CAME ALONG—

MIYATA-SAN SAID THOSE ARE FOR YOU...AND "TAKE CARE."
DUMP—
THANK HER PROPERLY TOMORROW, OKAY?
CHILDREN'S COUGH SYRUP
...
??
HEY, BROTHER...
HM?
WHAT MATTERS IS THAT I'M IN LOVE WITH SATORU TOGAWA.
HERE, AKIRA.

I'M HOME!
I'M LEAVING AGAIN!
...
...
?
HE MUST BE HAVING A TOUGH TIME WITH JUST ONE ARM...
WIPE ME-
I SEE...
BUT HE SEEMED FIT AS A FIDDLE JUST THE OTHER DAY...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, AKIRA?
WHAT IS IT WITH YOU?!
JUST A LITTLE ERRAND!
OH-


I'D HAVE TO DO THE RIGHT THING... AND BE HIS "LITTLE BROTHER," WOULDN'T I?
WHAT?
A COLD...?
FACULTY
YEAH, HE CALLED IN THIS MORNING.
APPARENTLY, HE WASN'T FEELING WELL YESTERDAY, EITHER.
HE SAID HE'D BE OUT FOR TWO TO THREE DAYS, AND TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU.

NAKAHARA
BZZZZT-
ZZZT-
ZZZT-
(ECHO)
YAH!
HUSH-
...
...
...IT LOOKS LIKE A HAUNTED HOUSE...
EAST TAKA-IDO
APT. 304
I MEANT IT AS A SARCASTIC GESTURE...
YOU'RE WELCOME.

KANO MIYATA-SAN.
...OH!
OKAY-
OKAY. BUT BE BACK FOR DINNER.
RUSH
OH, UH- YEAH...
I HAVE TO RUN AN ERRAND, SO...
YOU'RE HOME EARLY TODAY.
...THANKS FOR THE MEDICINE.

U...
YOU STILL ALIVE...?
HUH...?
HERE...

KCHK...
BAM
BAM
HEY— ARE YOU IN?
...
CREAK
I'M COMING IN, OKAY...?
LET MYSELF IN

OH, OKAY.

HM?
YOU SOUND SO OLD
WHEW- THIS IS PARADISE
I MAY BE ILL RIGHT NOW-
HEY, HEY- AKIRA-KUN.
OH- RIGHT.
URRGH
URRGH
MY BODY'S ALL SWEATY-
WHERE'RE YOUR TOWELS?
WHOA! HE ACTUALLY OBEYED

I SUDDENLY BECAME EMBARRASSED...
THAT I'D TRIED TO FAKE AN ILLNESS...
YOU CAN'T USE YOUR LEFT HAND, SO...
JUST TO GET OUT OF SCHOOL...
WHY THE CHANGE OF HEART?
...THAT'S NICE OF YOU.
WELL...
...I CAME TO HELP YOU OUT.
THAT'S ALL

IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT...
FWSH
N...
NO FAIR!
...YOUR BIG BROTHER TO DO TO YOU?
OR DO YOU WANT TO DO IT TO HIM?
SEE?

DON'T TAKE ME FOR A FOOL! I CAN JUST AS EASILY...!
WHAP!
OW...!
D...!
...BUT IT'S STILL EASY FOR ME TO PIN A KID LIKE YOU DOWN AND HAVE MY WAY WITH YOU—
YOU REALIZE THAT, DON'T YOU?
WHSH!
OOPS, SORRY—
THUD

I'M...
...A GUY!
I'M SO HAPPY I'VE GOT A LITTLE BROTHER NOW.
AND I'M HIS LITTLE BROTHER...!
DOES IT MATTER?

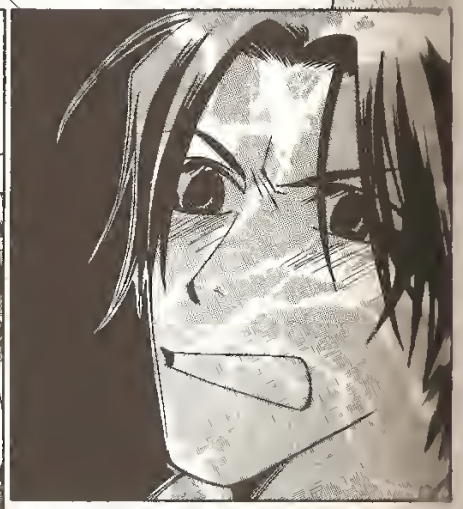
...!
I'M NOT LIKE YOU...!
YOU'RE EXACTLY LIKE ME.
YOU'RE IN LOVE.
I'M NOT!
YOU LOVE SOMEONE... WITH YOUR ENTIRE BEING.
NO...!

BUT IF YOU'RE REALLY IN SO MUCH PAIN...

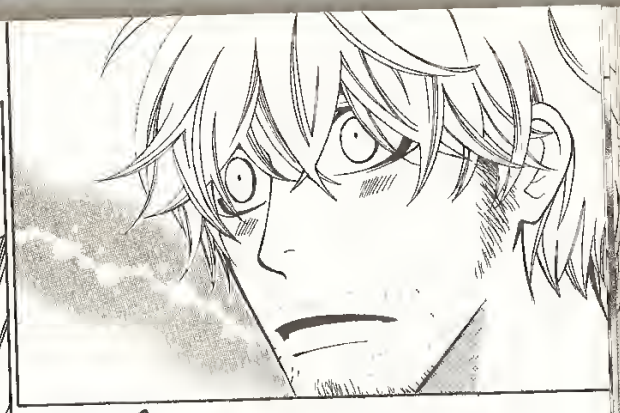
...I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AT LEAST FORGIVE YOU FOR YOUR FEELINGS.
YOU'RE NOT FAIR...

I'LL MAKE DO WITH THIS.

...!!!
R...?!
'CAUSE RAPE JUST ISN'T MY THING.



WH...!
WHSH
WHAT THE HELL...!



GRIN
I KNOW.

BUT YOU'RE JUST SO VULNERABLE.
IT'S LIKE YOU'RE ASKING FOR IT.

DON'T GET MAD
BUT—
I'LL BACK OFF.

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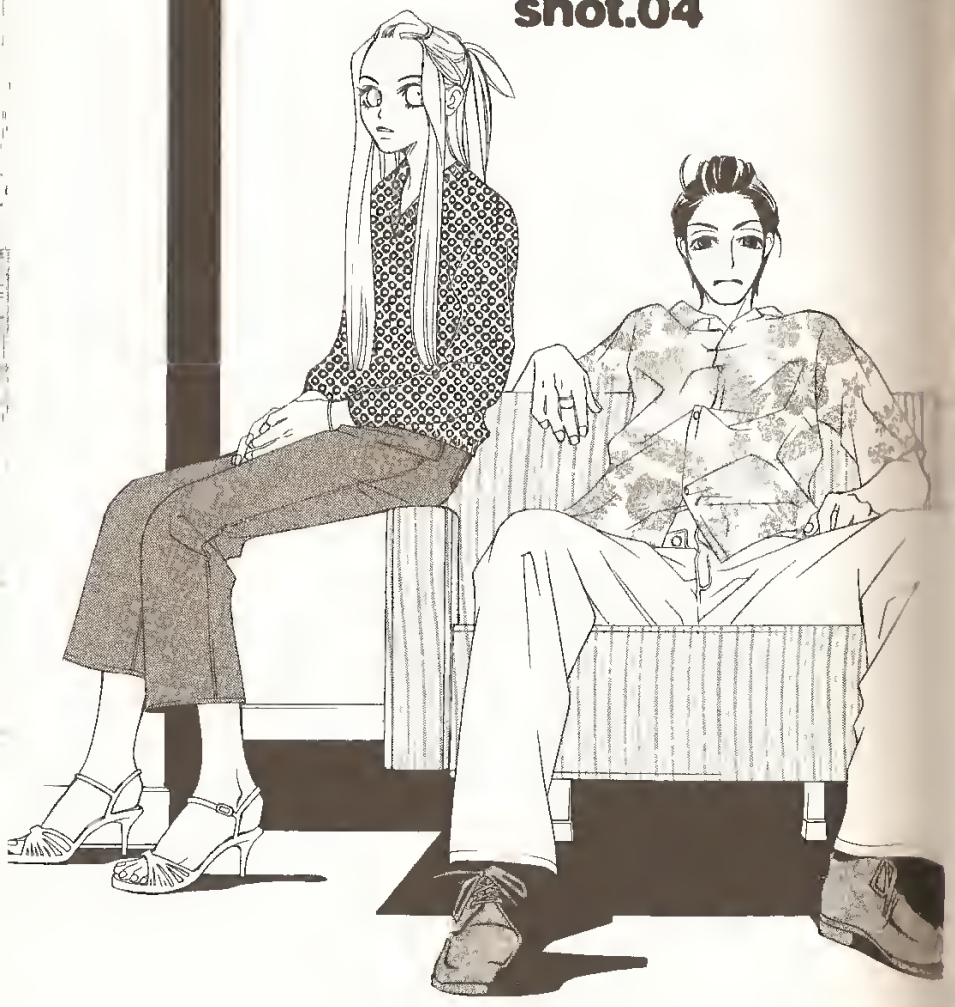
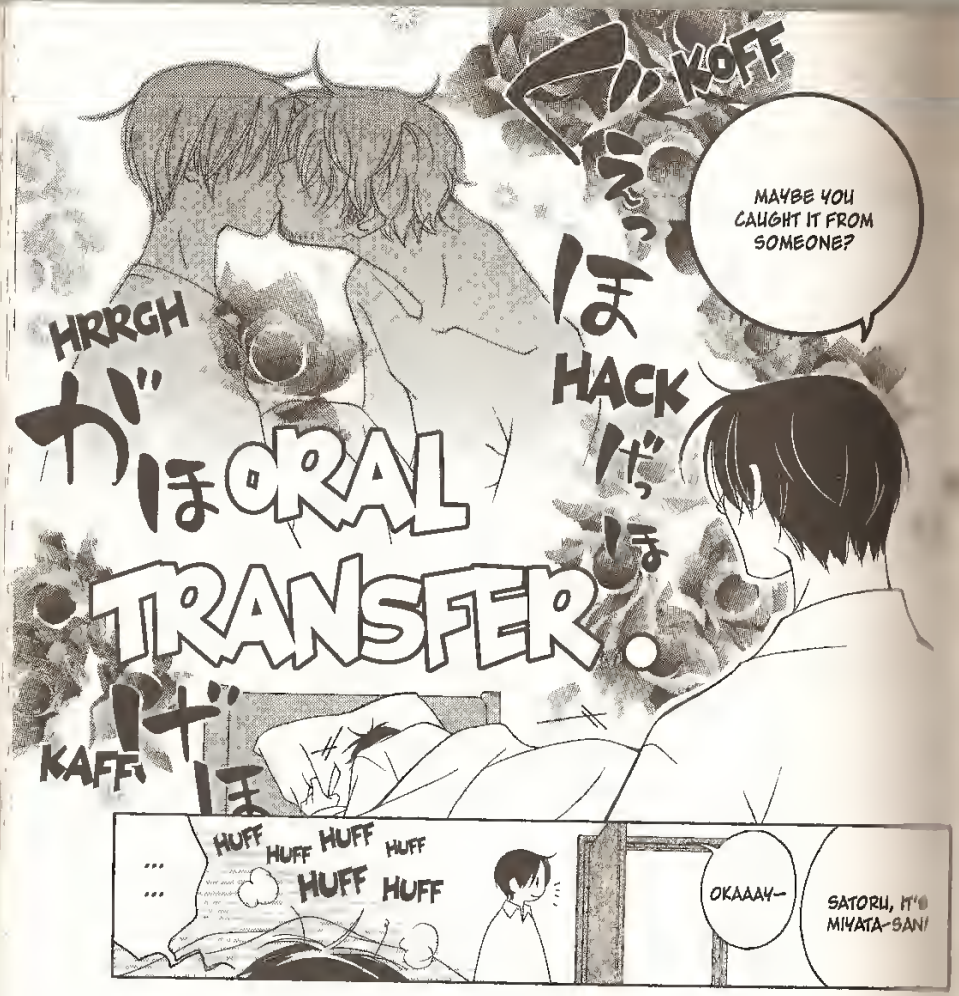
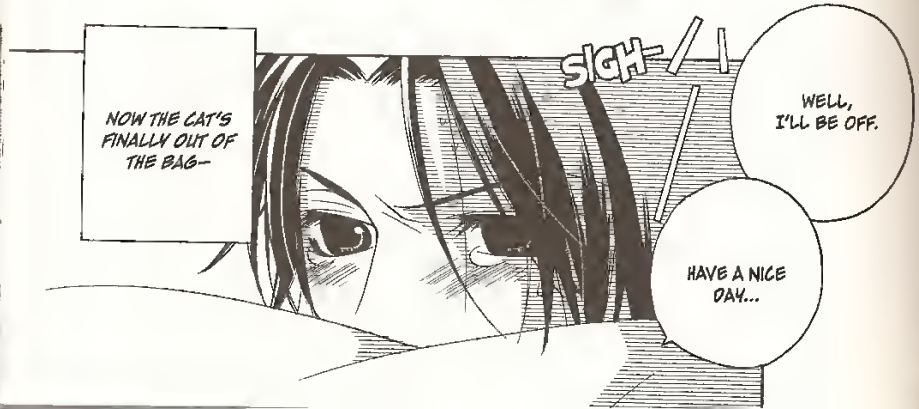


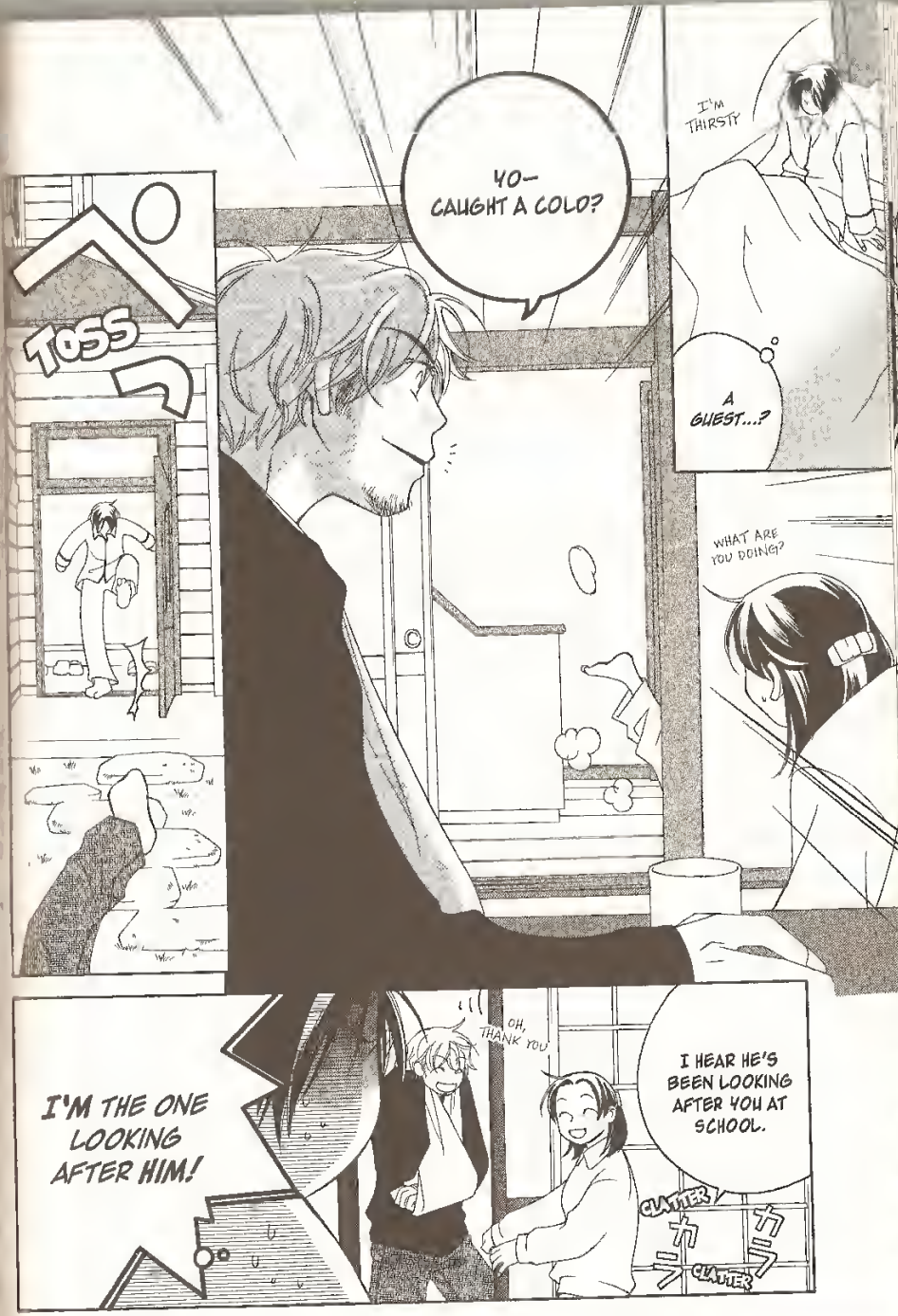

HRRGH
がほ ORAL
TRANSFER
KAFF
げほ
KOFF
こっほ
HACK
げっほ
MAYBE YOU CAUGHT IT FROM SOMEONE?
... ...
HUFF HUFF HUFF HUFF HUFF HUFF
OKAAAY~
SATORU, IT'S MIYATA-SAN!


NOW THE CAT'S FINALLY OUT OF THE BAG~
SIGH~
WELL, I'LL BE OFF.
HAVE A NICE DAY...

KOFF...
38.3 DEGREES CELSIUS...
I'M SORRY...
OR~
THIS YEAR'S COLD STRAIN IS PARTICULARLY PERSISTENT, YOU KNOW.
YOU HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, EVEN IF YOU THINK YOU'VE RECOVERED.

...
...
III-
DOZE...
MRRGH-
COME TO THINK OF IT, I HAVEN'T SEEN A SINGLE PHOTOGRAPH HE'S TAKEN.
EVEN THOUGH I'M ASSISTING HIM!
...
...
GRR
SO WHY DOES THE TEACHER GET TO SEE THEM AND NOT ME?
ALL THOSE PHOTOS HE TOOK OF ME
I NEVER GAVE HIM PERMISSION...
GRR
OH MY-
HO HO HO-

JUST FOR A SECOND
AND IN FRONT OF A GUY LIKE HIM, NO LESS!
GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT-
ARRRRGH
THE WORST PART IS THAT I ADMITTED IT.
I FORGIVE YOU FOR YOUR FEELINGS.
HE'LL "FORGIVE ME FOR IT"?!
IT JUST SLIPPED OUT, THAT'S ALL!
WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS?! THAT FAKE PHOTOGRAPHER! THAT IMPOSTER!
HE PROMISED ME HE'D SHOW ME HIS PHOTOS-
THE FACT THAT I LOVE MY BROTHER, NOT JUST AS A FAMILY MEMBER, OR AS HIS ADORING LITTLE BROTHER-
...BUT AS ANOTHER MAN.
HUH!


I'M THIRSTY
A GUEST...?
YO— CAUGHT A COLD?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
TOSS
I'M THE ONE LOOKING AFTER HIM!
OH, THANK YOU
I HEAR HE'S BEEN LOOKING AFTER YOU AT SCHOOL.
CLATTER
CLATTER

YEAH...
YOU'LL HAVE SOME STRAWBERRIES, WON'T YOU? NAKAHARA-SAN BROUGHT THEM
BUSY BUSY
VITAMINS ARE GOOD FOR A COLD.
...
...
I'M GLAD— AT LEAST YOU SEEM TO HAVE AN APPETITE.
(WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!)
(OW!)
THUD
(TH...!)
BAM
(I'M RETURNING YOUR GET-WELL VISIT!)
(THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH—!)
RUB RUB
(I GOT WORRIED... AFTER ALL, I SEEM TO HAVE GIVEN YOU THAT COLD.)

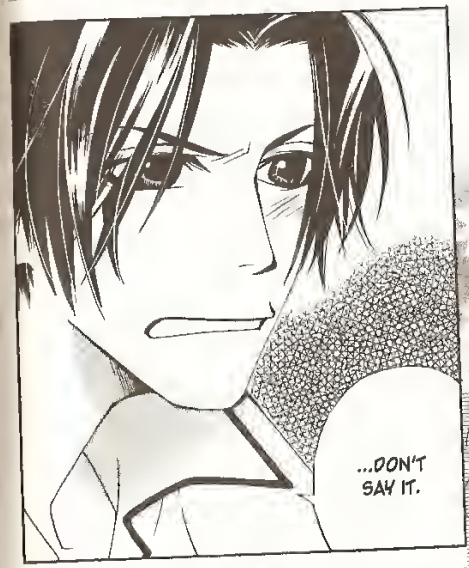
WHAT A WAY TO TREAT AN AILING MAN
I DON'T TAKE PHOTOS OF PEOPLE, I'M AFRAID.
WHUMP
OH, MA'AM, I COULDN'T POSSIBLY—
CLING
WHY DON'T YOU HAVE HIM TAKE YOUR PHOTO WITH MIYATA-SAN, SATORU?
YOU TWO MAKE A GOOD-LOOKING COUPLE
AH, SUCH GREAT MODELS YOU'D BE... BUT I'M SORRY.
FAKE POLITENESS
A PERSONAL POLICY OF YOURS? HOW QUAINT.
I'M JUST NO GOOD AT IT, THAT'S ALL.
...DOESN'T TAKE PHOTOS OF PEOPLE?

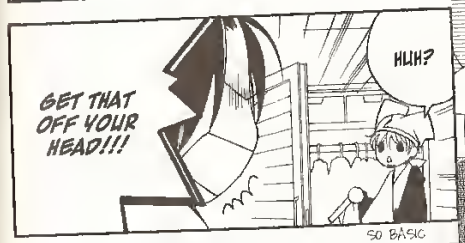
TA-DAH!
I BOUGHT YOU SOME STRAWBERRIES...
...AKIRA!
I'M HOME—
PAF!
(CUT IT OUT.)
WOW, SO YOU'RE A PHOTOGRAPHER? THAT'S GREAT!
IT'S NOTHING—
... ...
IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR ME TO JOIN YOU AS WELL?
CHATTER
おいし
PLEASE EAT AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE
TO SPEAK OF
OF COURSE!

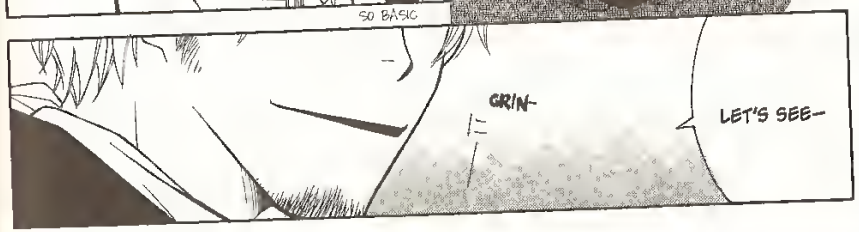
I'LL KEEP QUIET IF YOU GIVE ME A KISS.

YOU DON'T WANT HIM TO KNOW, DO YOU?
...ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS FOR HIM.
GRIT...
...
...

HE'S KINO. YOUR BIG BROTHER, THAT IS.
BONK
WHATEVER-
JUST LEAVE ALREADY.


...DON'T SAY IT.


HUH?
GET THAT OFF YOUR HEAD!!!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GRIN-
LET'S SEE-

THAT'S A LIE!!!
YOU'RE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION, AKIRA-KUN.
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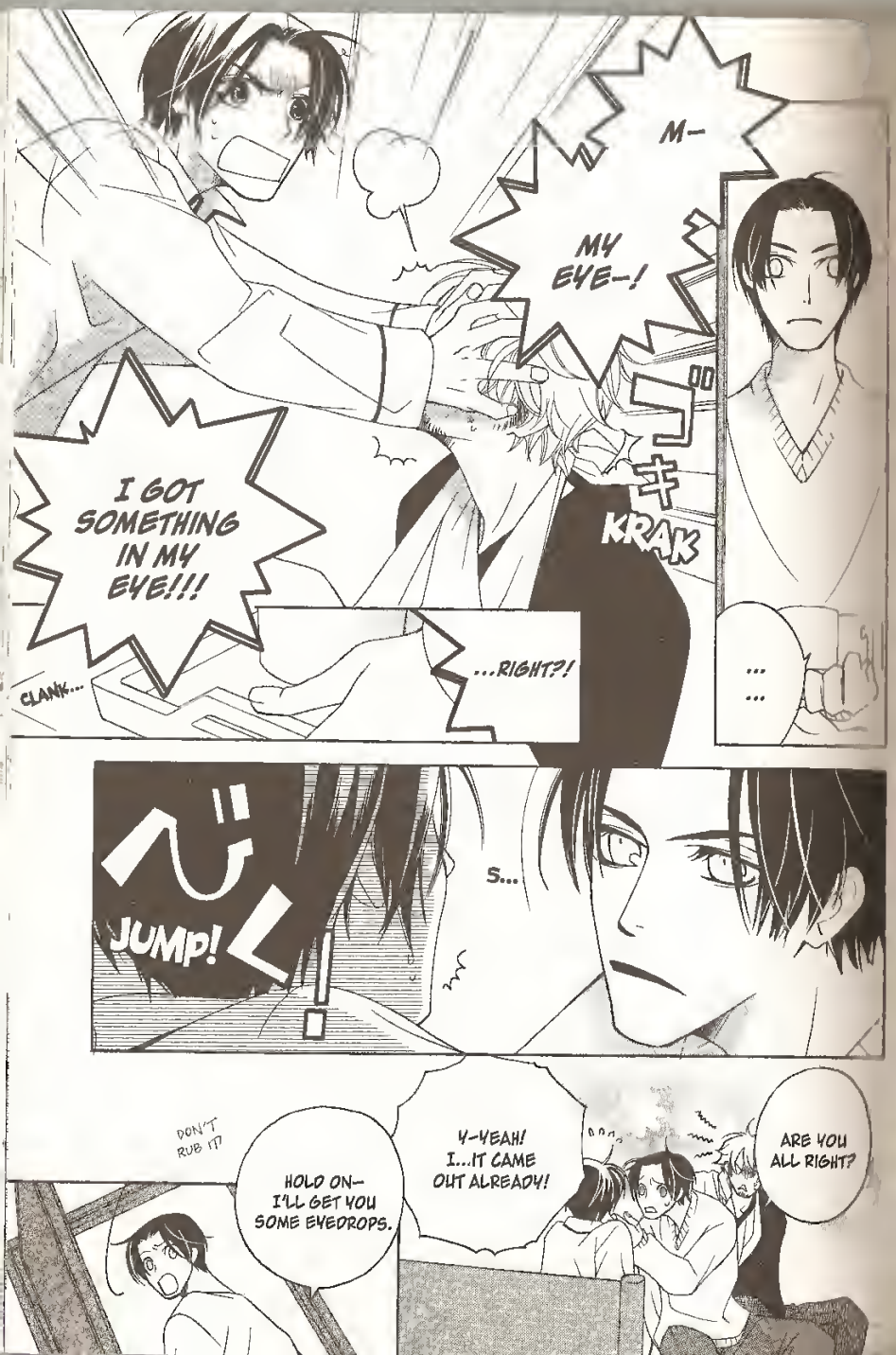
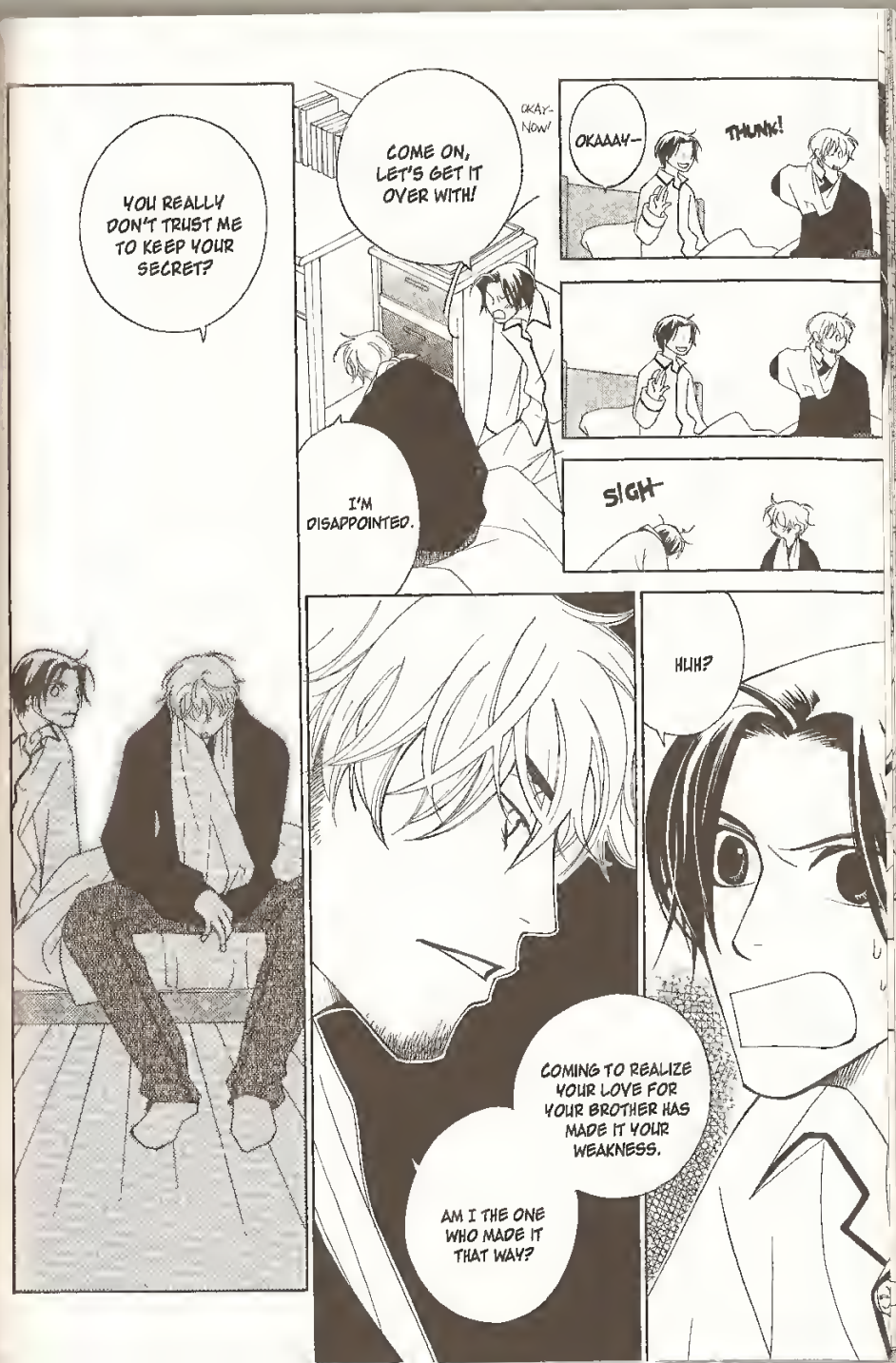
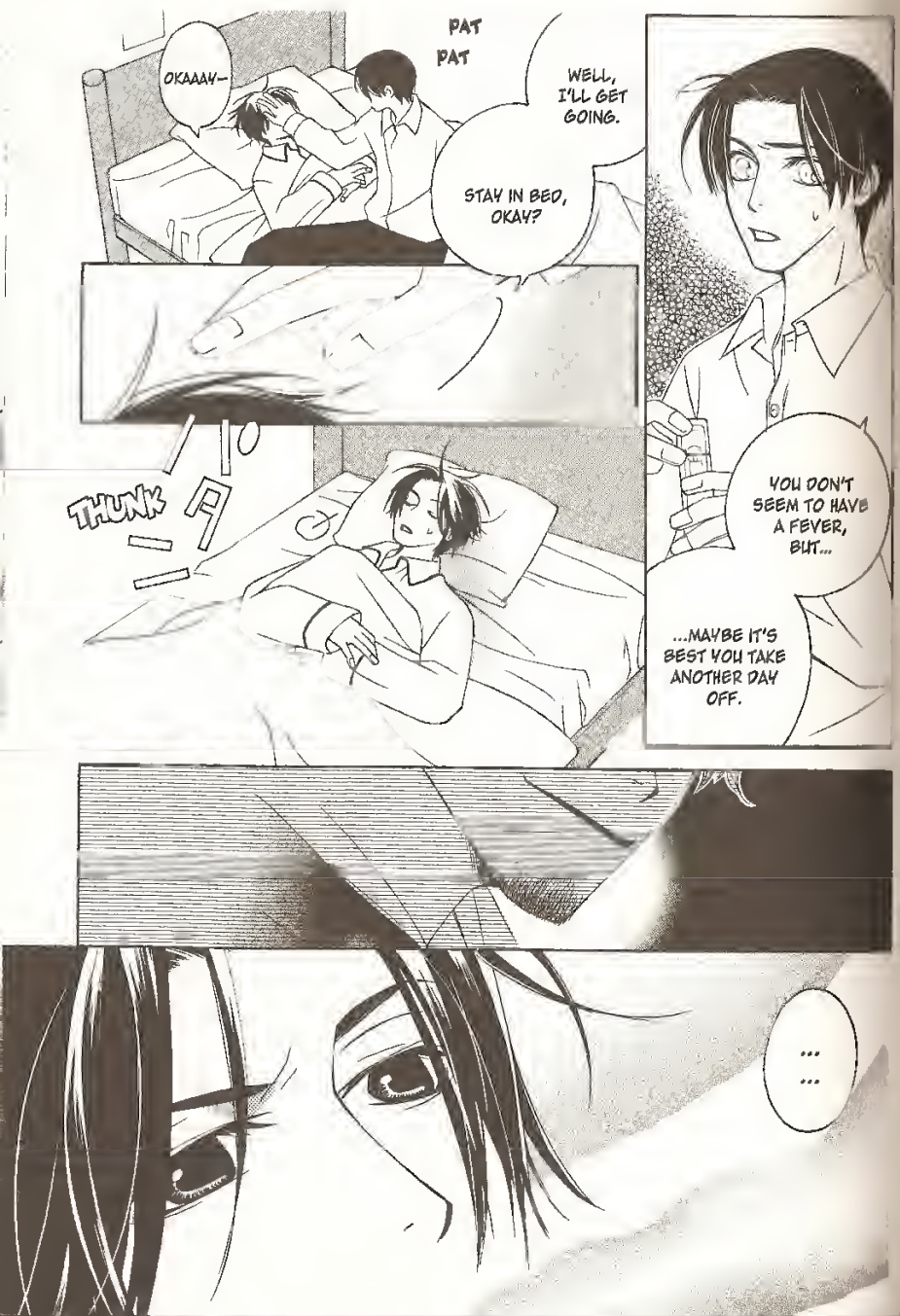

M-
MY EYE-!
I GOT SOMETHING IN MY EYE!!!
KRAK
CLANK...
...RIGHT?!
...
...
S...
JUMP!
DON'T RUB IT
HOLD ON- I'LL GET YOU SOME EYEDROPS.
Y-YEAH! I...IT CAME OUT ALREADY!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

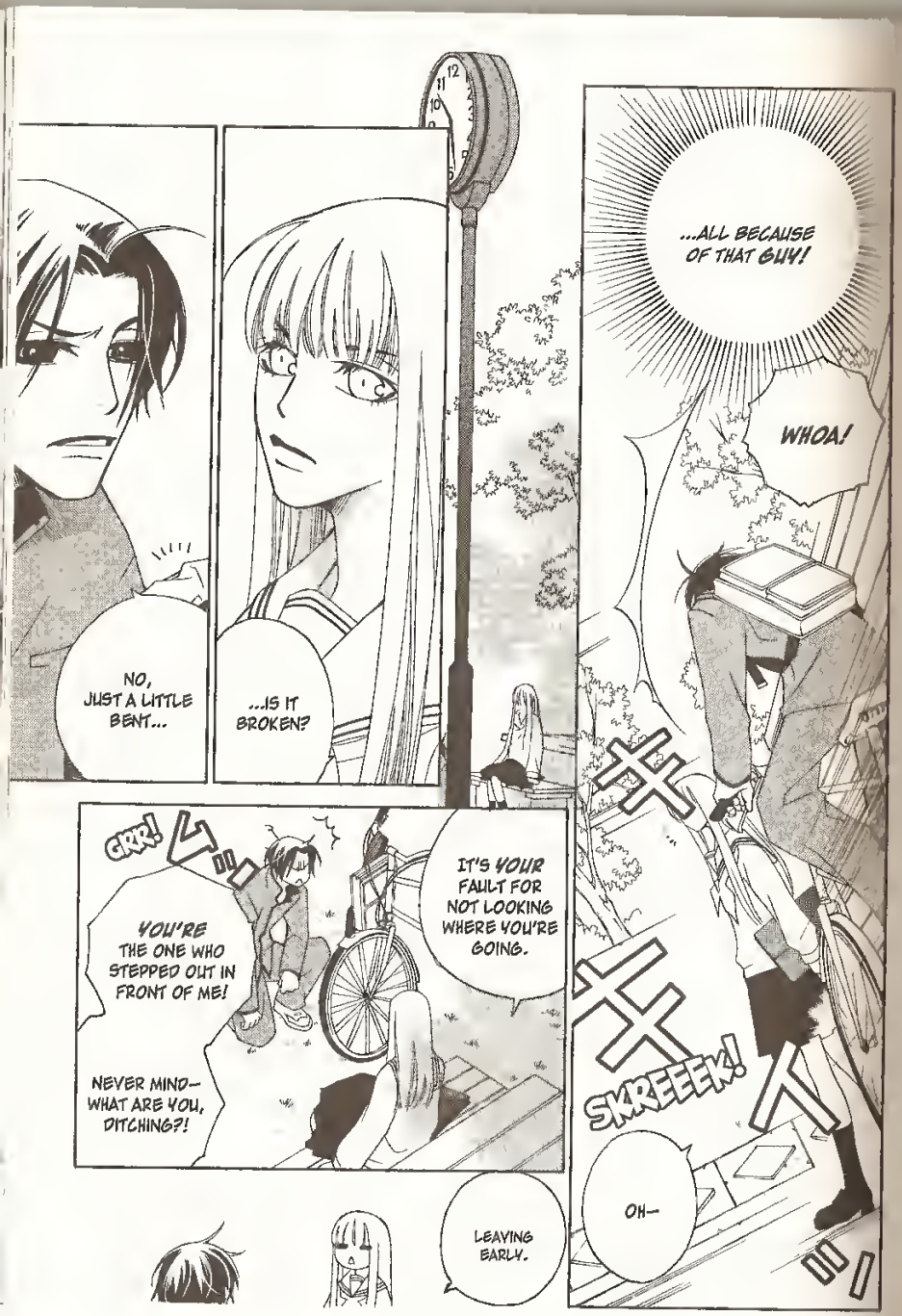
PROMISE ME YOU REALLY WON'T SAY...
CHAK!
チャ!
YOU REALLY PROMISE NOT TO TELL, RIGHT?
AKIRA, HERE'S SOME TEA FOR NAKAHARA-SAN...

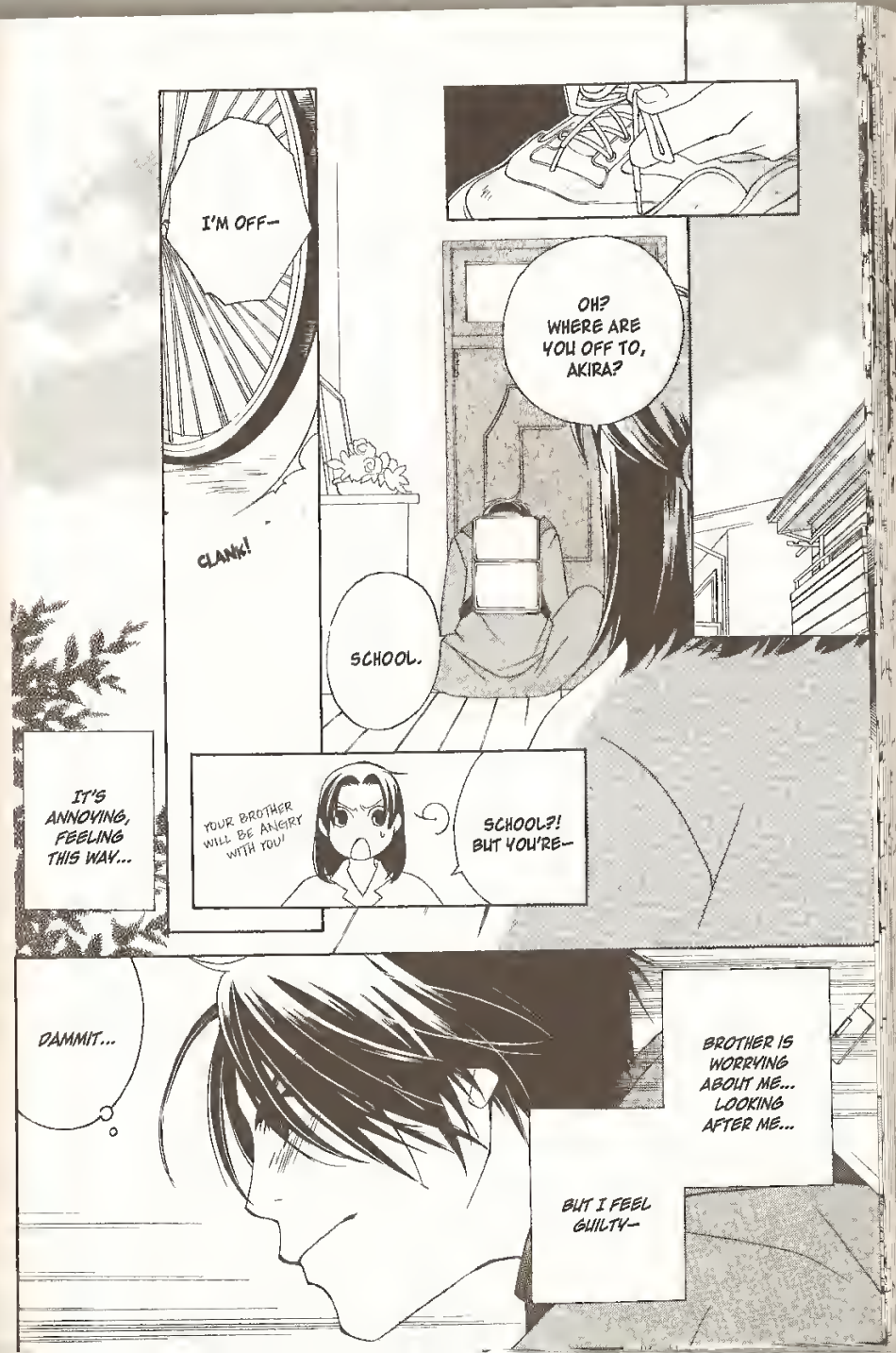
WH-
JUST THOUGHT I'D ASK.
WHAT NERVE! WHO'S THE ONE WHO TRIED TO PLAY ON THAT WEAKNESS OF MINE JUST NOW?!
GRR!
WHAT?!
HA...
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D TAKE ME SO SERIOUSLY WHEN I SUGGESTED IT.
FLARE!
LEAVE!!!
WHAP...!
WHAT THE HELL?!


YOU REALLY DON'T TRUST ME TO KEEP YOUR SECRET?
COME ON, LET'S GET IT OVER WITH!
OKAY-NOW!
OKAAAY-
THUNK!
SIGH
I'M DISAPPOINTED.
HUH?
COMING TO REALIZE YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR BROTHER HAS MADE IT YOUR WEAKNESS.
AM I THE ONE WHO MADE IT THAT WAY?

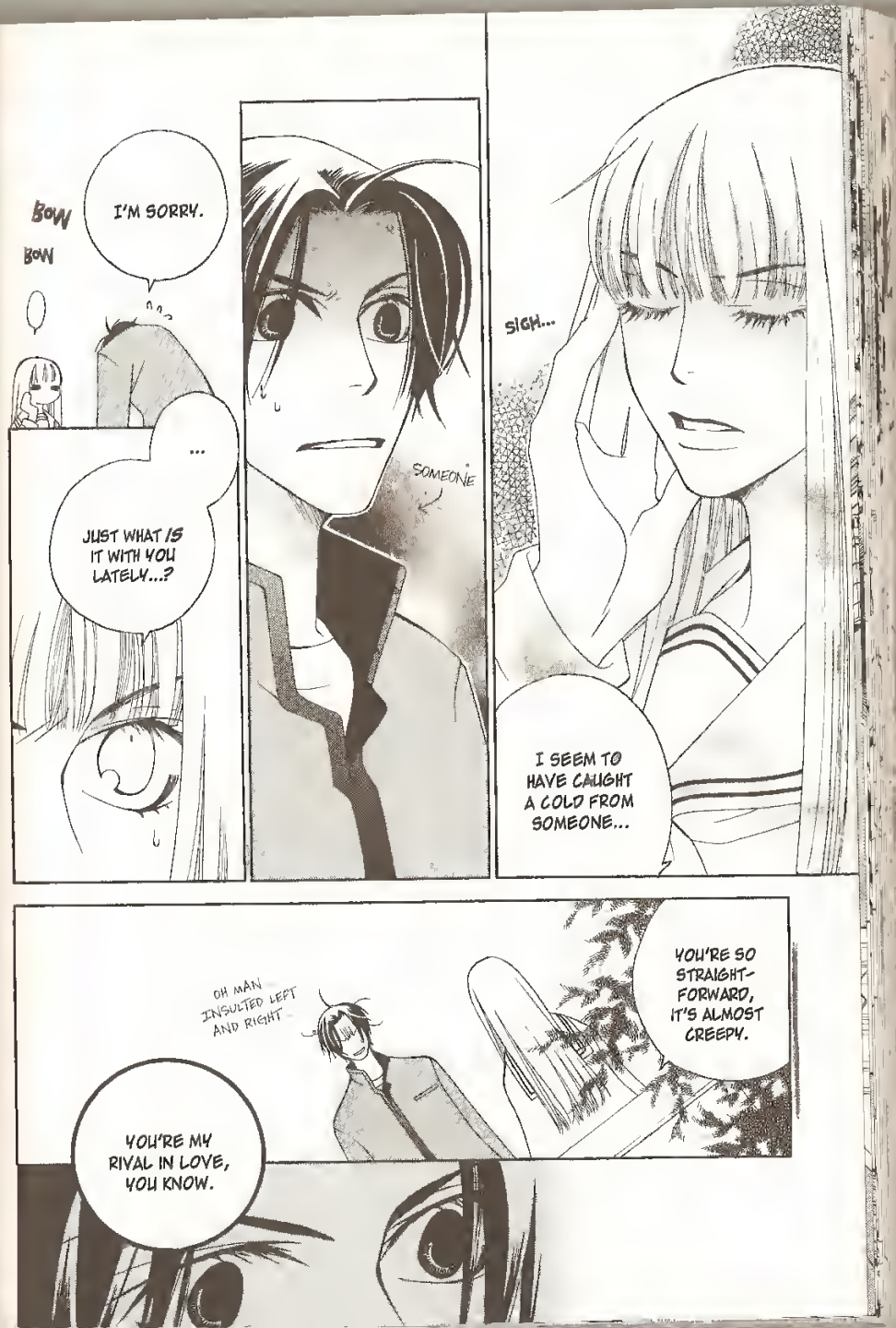

OKAAAY~
PAT
PAT
STAY IN BED, OKAY?
WELL, I'LL GET GOING.
THUNK
YOU DON'T SEEM TO HAVE A FEVER, BUT...
...MAYBE IT'S BEST YOU TAKE ANOTHER DAY OFF.
...
...

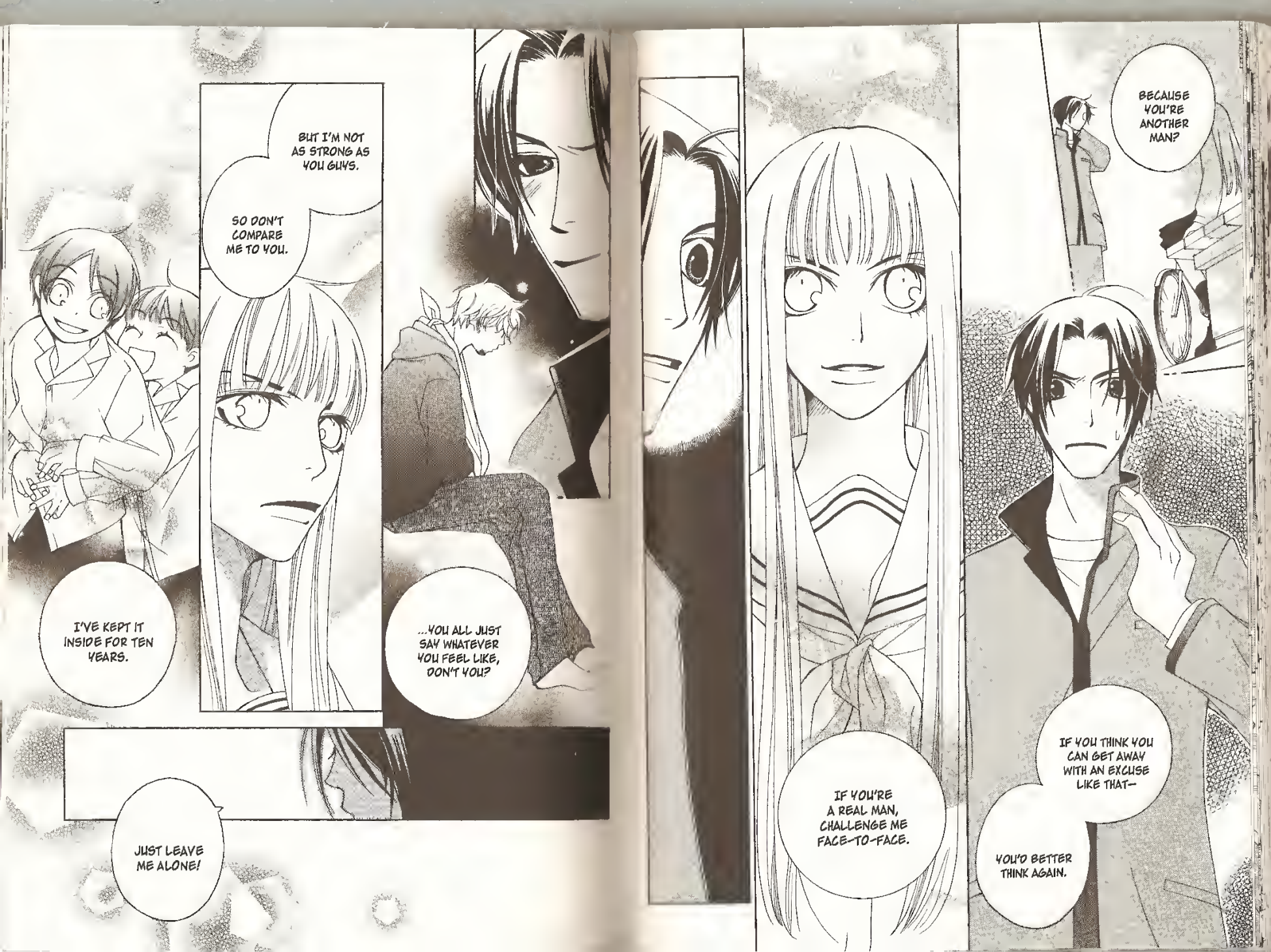
SAYING HE'LL "FORGIVE ME"... THAT HE'S "DISAPPOINTED"...
WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS?
HE SAYS HE DOESN'T WANT DINNER
OH DEAR~
I'M THE ONE WHO LOVES BROTHER!
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYONE ELSE!
WHAT THE HELL IS ALL OF THIS?!
GAAAAH!
FLAT
SO WHY IS IT~
HMM...
...THAT I FEEL LIKE I'M THE BAD GUY...?


...ALL BECAUSE OF THAT GUY!
WHOA!
SKREEEEK!
OH—
LEAVING EARLY.
NO, JUST A LITTLE BENT...
...IS IT BROKEN?
GRRR!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STEPPED OUT IN FRONT OF ME!
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR NOT LOOKING WHERE YOU'RE GOING.
NEVER MIND— WHAT ARE YOU, DITCHING?!


I'M OFF—
CLANK!
OH? WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO, AKIRA?
SCHOOL.
SCHOOL?! BUT YOU'RE—
YOUR BROTHER WILL BE ANGRY WITH YOU!
IT'S ANNOYING, FEELING THIS WAY...
DAMMIT...
BROTHER IS WORRYING ABOUT ME... LOOKING AFTER ME...
BUT I FEEL GUILTY—

RIVALS...
恋愛
IN LOVE
KOFF
KOFF
YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH HIM, AREN'T YOU? WITH SATORU TOGAWA.
KOFF...
UMM
UMM...
I IT'S NOT SO MUCH LOVE, AS IT IS
B—
BESIDES, HOW CAN A GUY BE IN LOVE WITH ANOTHER GUY—
HOW EMBARRASSING!
WHAT?!
W-W-W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
BLUSH
R...RIVAL?!


BOW
BOW
I'M SORRY.
...
JUST WHAT IS IT WITH YOU LATELY...?
SOMEONE
SIGH...
I SEEM TO HAVE CAUGHT A COLD FROM SOMEONE...
OH MAN INSULTED LEFT AND RIGHT
YOU'RE SO STRAIGHT-FORWARD, IT'S ALMOST CREEPY.
YOU'RE MY RIVAL IN LOVE, YOU KNOW.


BECAUSE YOU'RE ANOTHER MAN?
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH AN EXCUSE LIKE THAT—
YOU'D BETTER THINK AGAIN.
IF YOU'RE A REAL MAN, CHALLENGE ME FACE-TO-FACE.
BUT I'M NOT AS STRONG AS YOU GUYS.
SO DON'T COMPARE ME TO YOU.
...YOU ALL JUST SAY WHATEVER YOU FEEL LIKE, DON'T YOU?
I'VE KEPT IT INSIDE FOR TEN YEARS.
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!

KOFF
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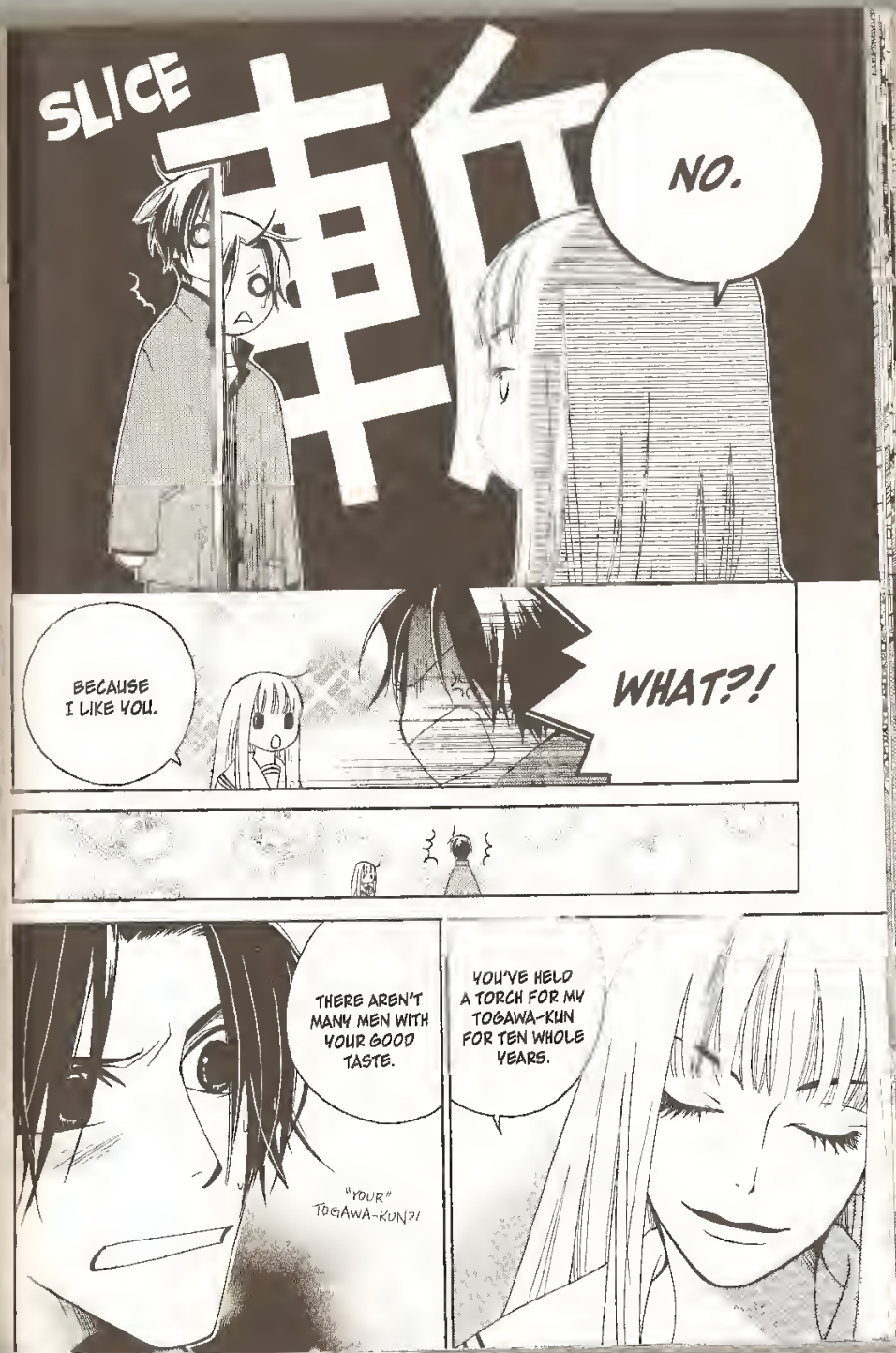
HACK
ごほん
GAFF
がほ
GORF
げほ
WHAT A WITCH!!!
SHE'S UNBELIEVABLE!!!
BUT—
RUB
RUB
WHAT A...
STAGGER...
よろ…
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO WIN TOGAWA-KUN, FAIR AND SQUARE...
...FROM YOU.
URGH!


SLICE
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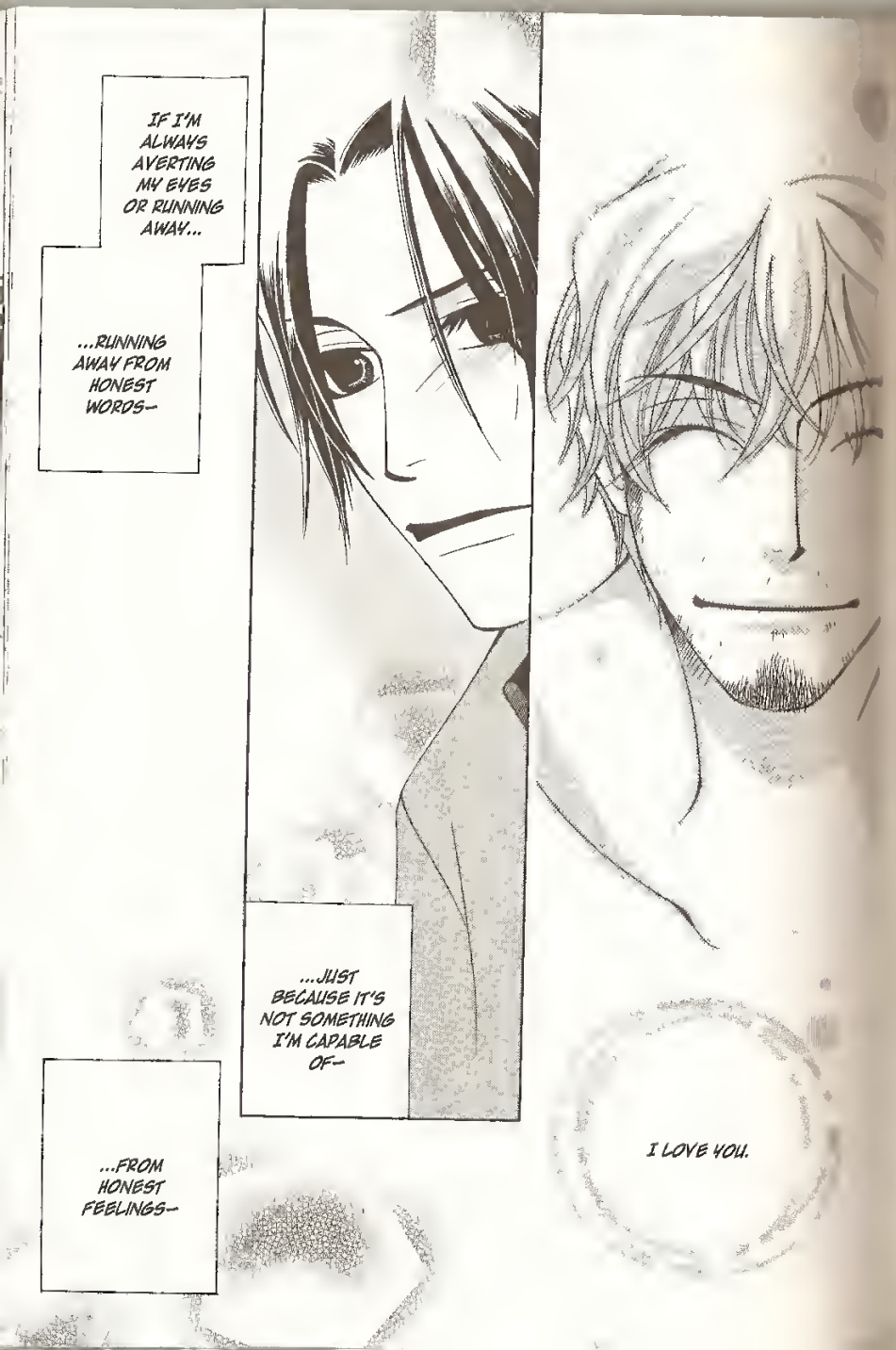
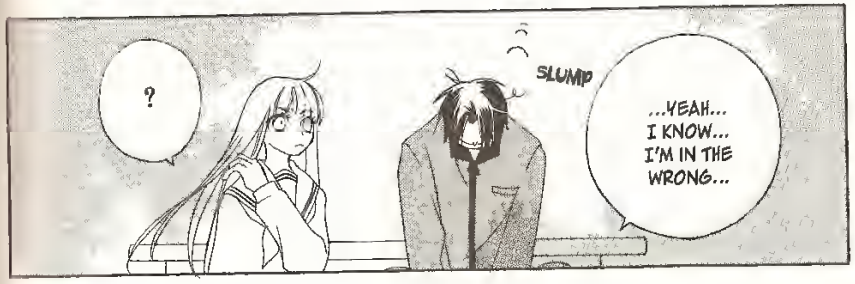
NO.
BECAUSE I LIKE YOU.
WHAT?!
THERE AREN'T MANY MEN WITH YOUR GOOD TASTE.
"YOUR" TOGAWA-KUN?!
YOU'VE HELD A TORCH FOR MY TOGAWA-KUN FOR TEN WHOLE YEARS.


IF I'M ALWAYS AVERTING MY EYES OR RUNNING AWAY...
...RUNNING AWAY FROM HONEST WORDS--
...JUST BECAUSE IT'S NOT SOMETHING I'M CAPABLE OF--
...FROM HONEST FEELINGS--
I LOVE YOU.

DOES IT MATTER?
EVERYTHING THEY SAY IS UNHESITATING AND FROM THE HEART.
THANK YOU.
THE TRUTH IS, I ACTUALLY ENVY THEM.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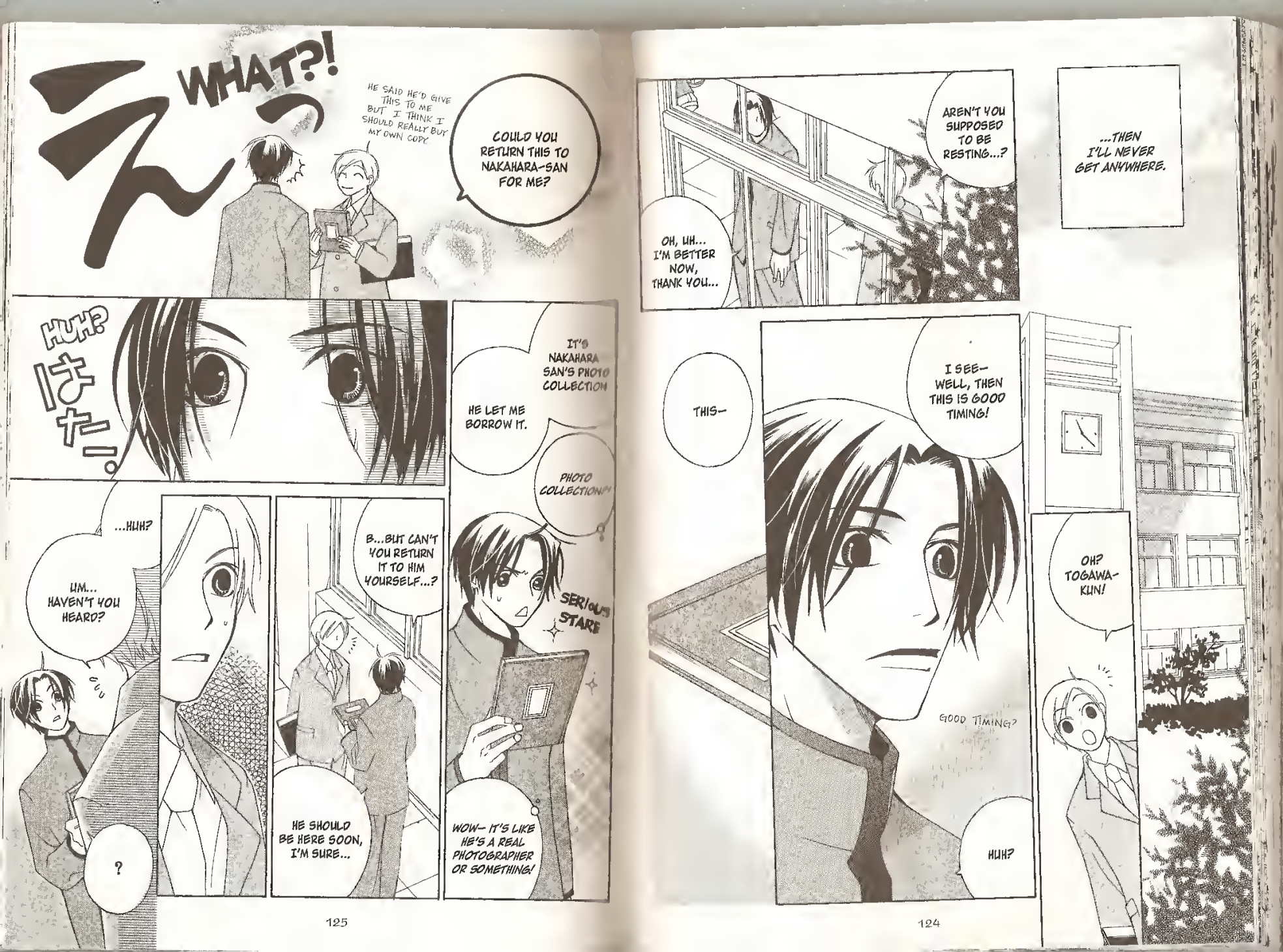
SLUMP
...YEAH... I KNOW... I'M IN THE WRONG...


...THEN I'LL NEVER GET ANYWHERE.
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE RESTING...?
OH, UH... I'M BETTER NOW, THANK YOU...
OH? TOGAWA-KUN!
I SEE— WELL, THEN THIS IS GOOD TIMING!
THIS—
GOOD TIMING?
HUH?
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えっ WHAT?!
HE SAID HE'D GIVE THIS TO ME BUT I THINK I SHOULD REALLY BUY MY OWN COPY
COULD YOU RETURN THIS TO NAKAHARA-SAN FOR ME?
HUH? はた。
IT'S NAKAHARA SAN'S PHOTO COLLECTION
HE LET ME BORROW IT.
PHOTO COLLECTION?
SERIOUS STARE
WOW— IT'S LIKE HE'S A REAL PHOTOGRAPHER OR SOMETHING!
B...BUT CAN'T YOU RETURN IT TO HIM YOURSELF...?
HE SHOULD BE HERE SOON, I'M SURE...
...HUH?
UM... HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?
?
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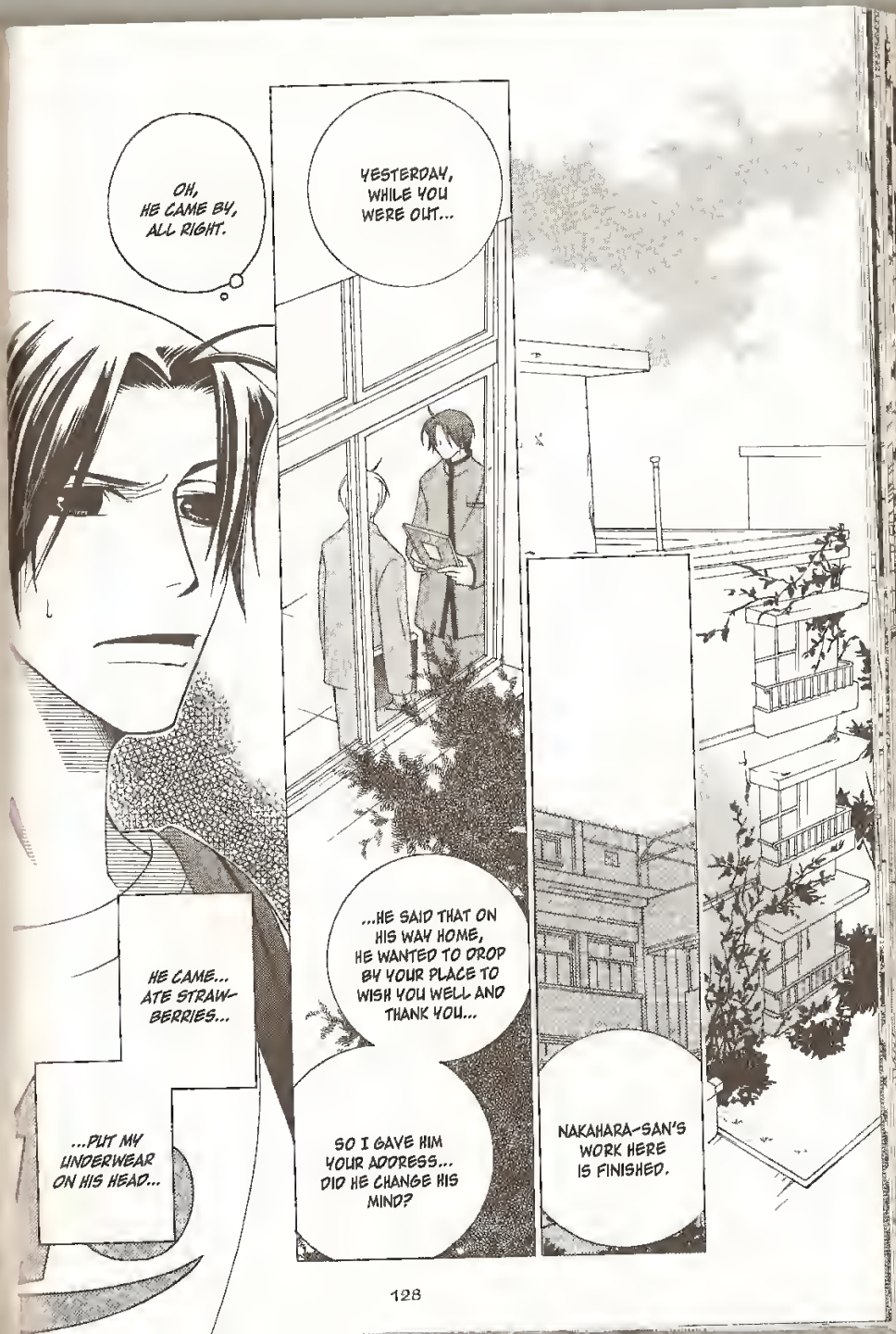
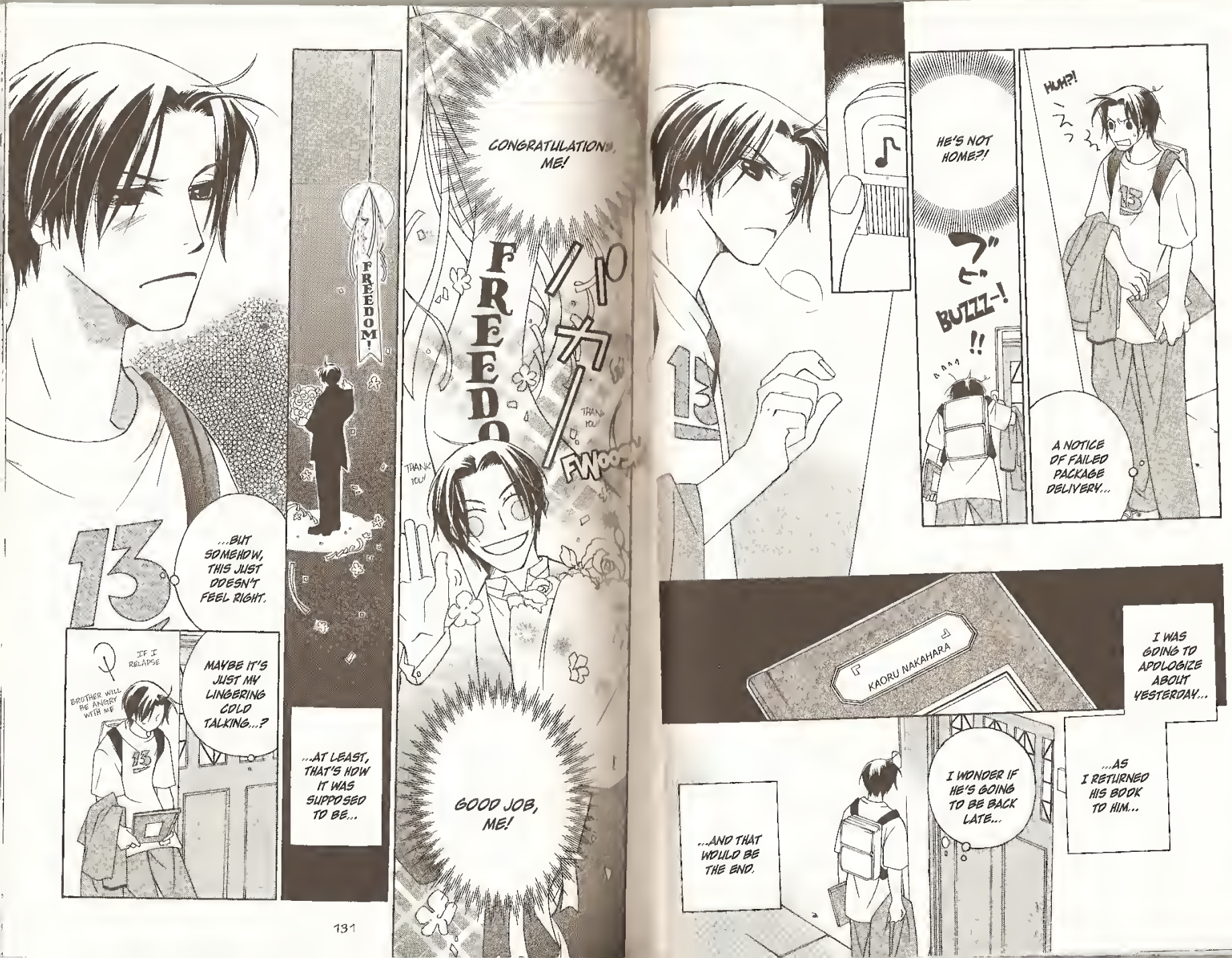
NAKAHARA-SAN'S WORK HERE IS FINISHED.

"I'M DISAPPOINTED."
...
...
COME ON! BE AGGRESSIVE!
SHAKE!
SHAKE
BUT HE NEVER MENTIONED ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
HUH...?


OH, HE CAME BY, ALL RIGHT.
YESTERDAY, WHILE YOU WERE OUT...
HE CAME... ATE STRAW-BERRIES...
...HE SAID THAT ON HIS WAY HOME, HE WANTED TO DROP BY YOUR PLACE TO WISH YOU WELL AND THANK YOU...
...PUT MY UNDERWEAR ON HIS HEAD...
SO I GAVE HIM YOUR ADDRESS... DID HE CHANGE HIS MIND?
NAKAHARA-SAN'S WORK HERE IS FINISHED.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...BUT SOMEHOW, THIS JUST DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT.
MAYBE IT'S JUST MY LINGERING COLD TALKING...?
IF I RELAPSE
BROTHER WILL BE ANGRY WITH ME
...AT LEAST, THAT'S HOW IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE...
FREEDOM!
CONGRATULATIONS, ME!
FREEDOM!
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!
FWOOSH
GOOD JOB, ME!
HE'S NOT HOME?!
BUZZZ-!
!!
HUH?!
A NOTICE OF FAILED PACKAGE DELIVERY...
KAORU NAKAHARA
I WAS GOING TO APOLOGIZE ABOUT YESTERDAY...
...AS I RETURNED HIS BOOK TO HIM...
I WONDER IF HE'S GOING TO BE BACK LATE...
...AND THAT WOULD BE THE END.

YES, I AM...
I'M...
I'M SORRRRYYY!!!
WELCOME BACK.
JUMP!
ROAAAA
!!!
...I DID TELL YOU TO STAY IN BED, DIDN'T I?
EH-!
FREEZE
UM, UH, WELL...
OWIE
OWIE
OWIE
OWIE
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NOOGIE
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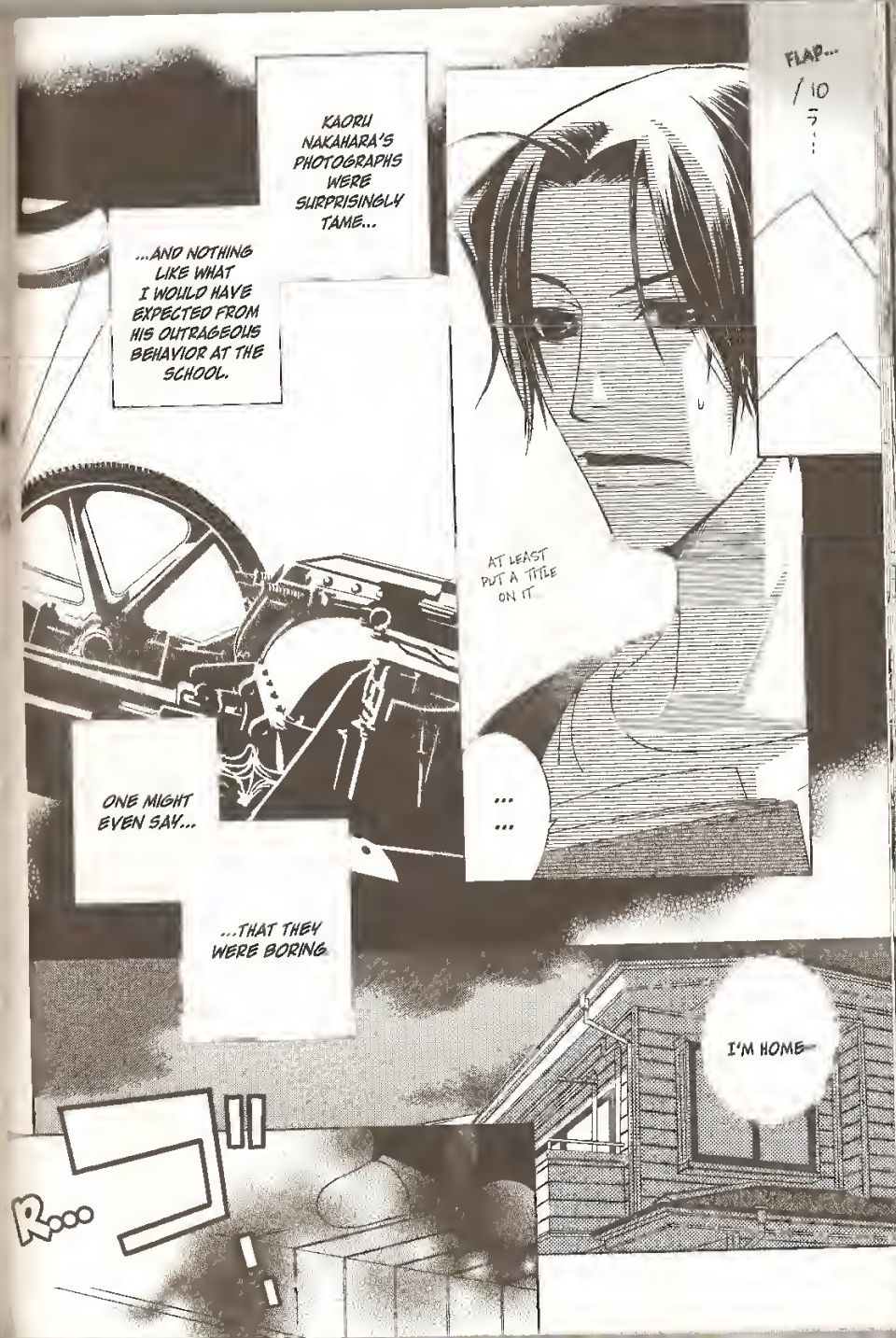
NOOGIE
SO YOU'RE REALLY ALL BETTER NOW?
SMILE
THEN GOOD.


KAORU NAKAHARA'S PHOTOGRAPHS WERE SURPRISINGLY TAME...
...AND NOTHING LIKE WHAT I WOULD HAVE EXPECTED FROM HIS OUTRAGEOUS BEHAVIOR AT THE SCHOOL.
FLAP...
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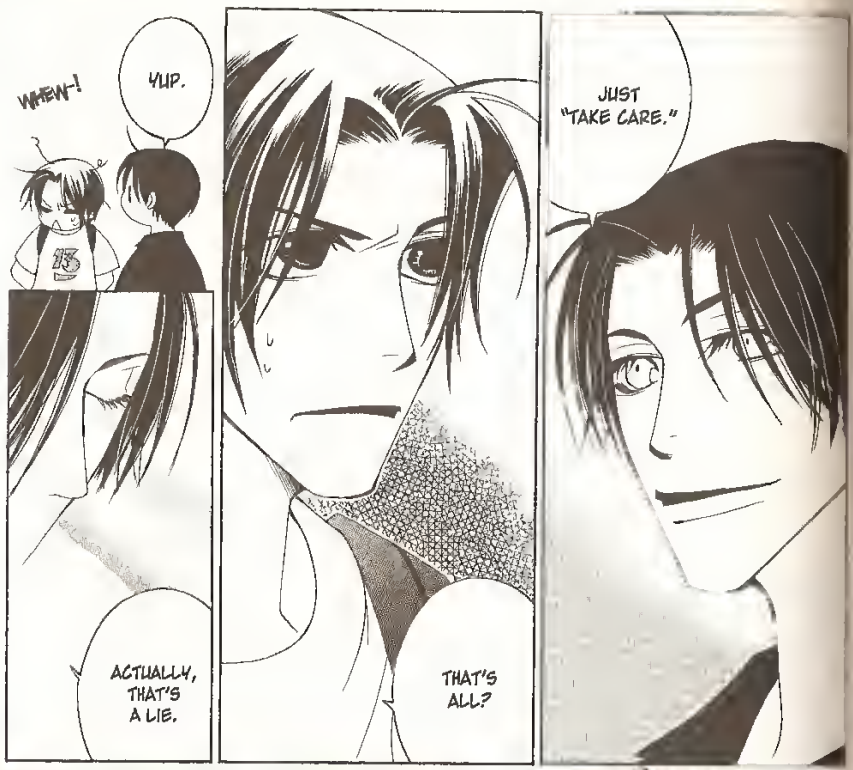
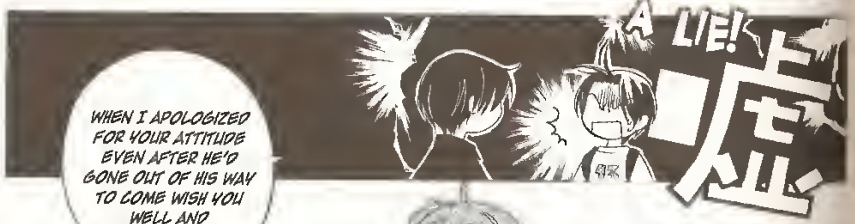
AT LEAST PUT A TITLE ON IT
...
...
ONE MIGHT EVEN SAY...
...THAT THEY WERE BORING.
I'M HOME
R...


WHEW-!
YUP.
ACTUALLY, THAT'S A LIE.
THAT'S ALL?
JUST "TAKE CARE."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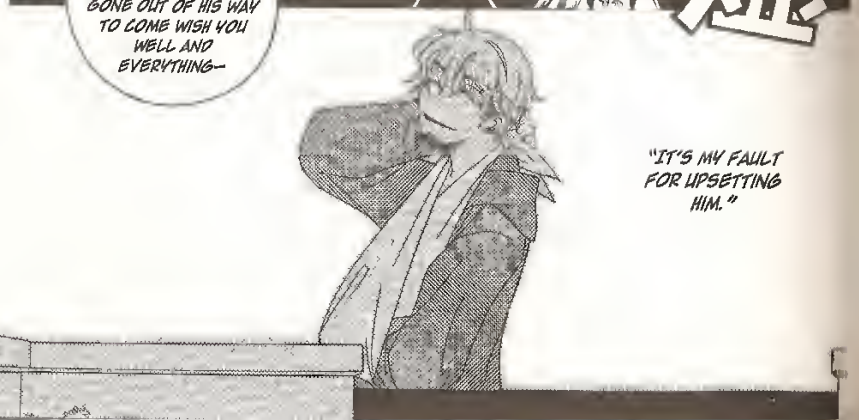
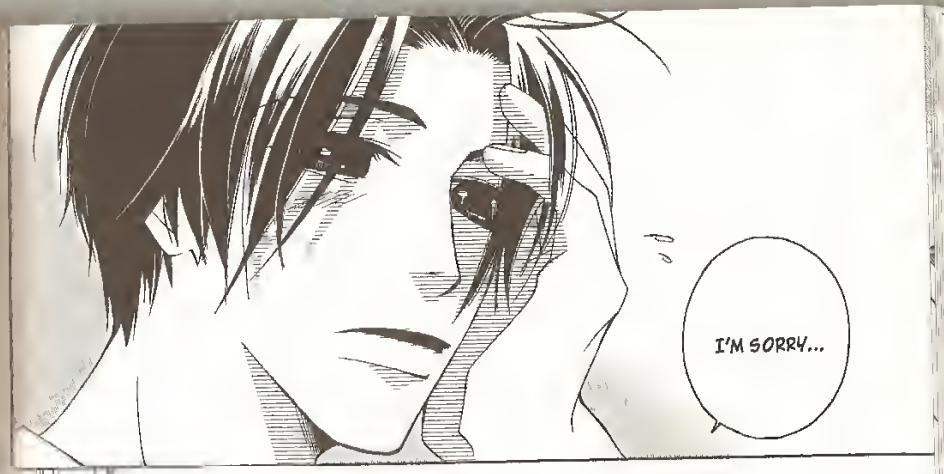
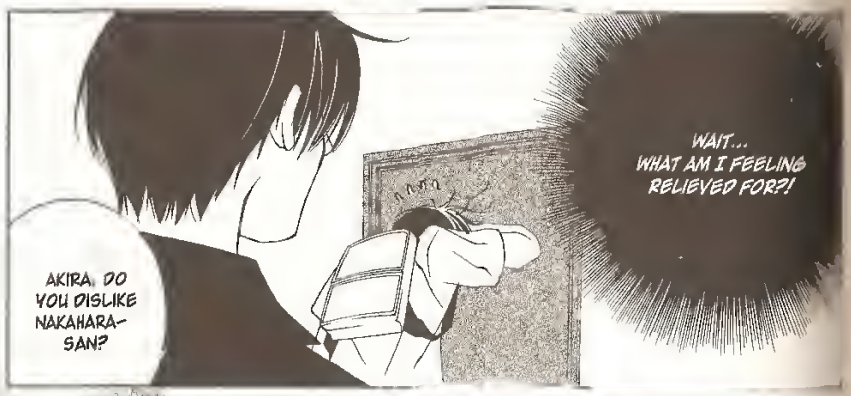
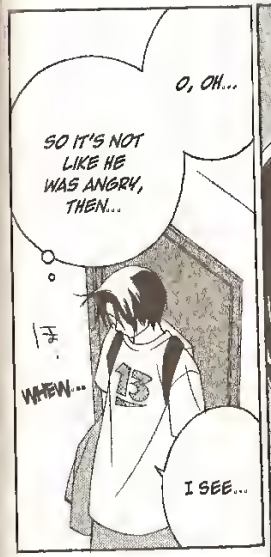

WHEN I APOLOGIZED FOR YOUR ATTITUDE EVEN AFTER HE'D GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO COME WISH YOU WELL AND EVERYTHING--
"IT'S MY FAULT FOR UPSETTING HIM."


I'M SORRY...

SO, DID YOU MAKE UP WITH HIM PROPERLY?
HUH?!
NAKAHARA-SAN SEEMED SO SAD YESTERDAY AS HE WAS LEAVING.
ANYONE COULD TELL YOU WERE FIGHTING!
TELLING SO LOUDLY LIKE THAT-
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
D...
DID HE SAY ANYTHING...?
UM... YOU KNOW... ABOUT ME...?


WAIT...
WHAT AM I FEELING RELIEVED FOR?!
AKIRA, DO YOU DISLIKE NAKAHARA-SAN?

HUH?
UH...IT'S NOT AS IF I... DISLIKE HIM, EXACTLY... BUT...
UMM...
NO...
I DON'T DISLIKE HIM...


O, OH...
SO IT'S NOT LIKE HE WAS ANGRY, THEN...
I SEE...

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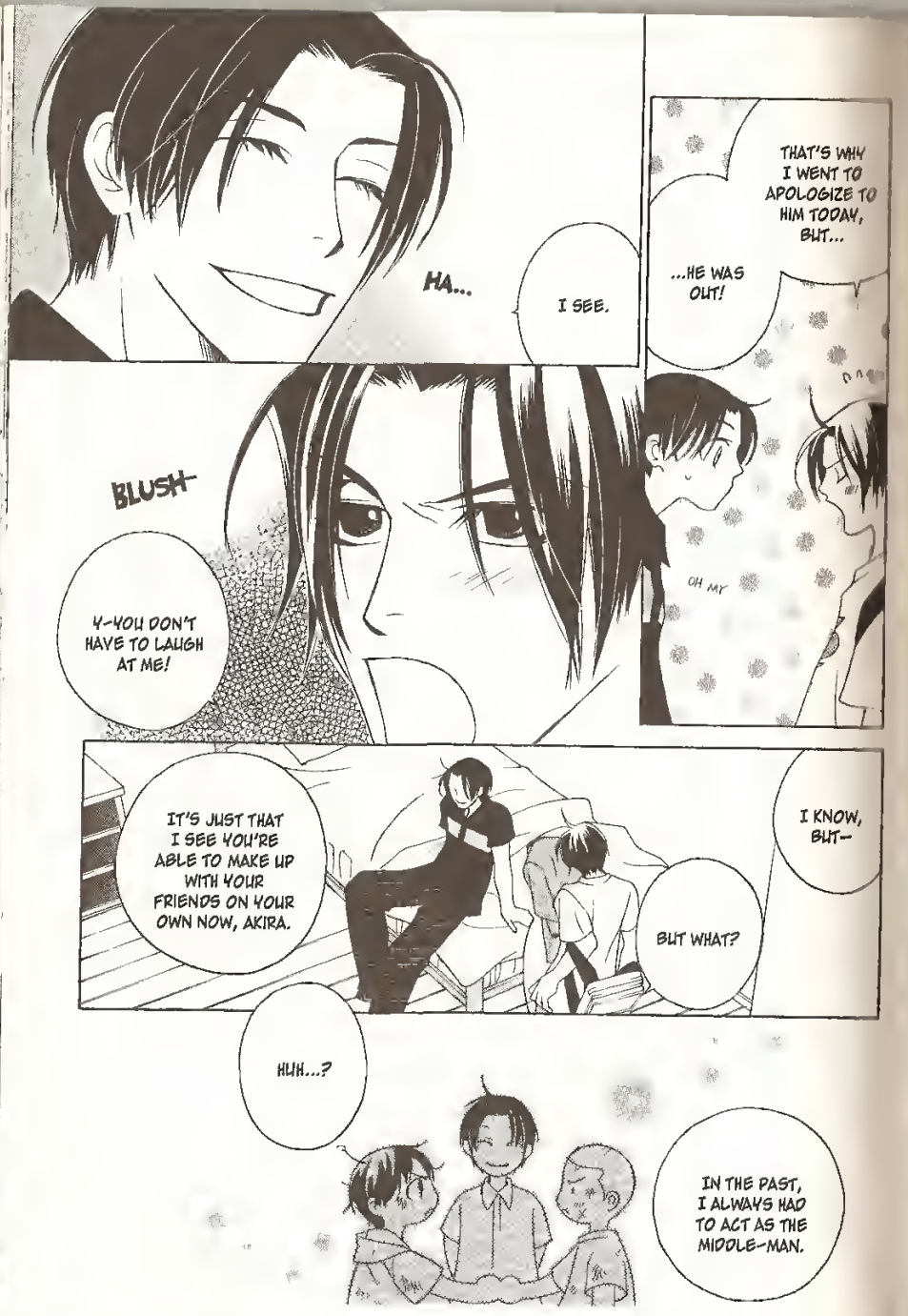
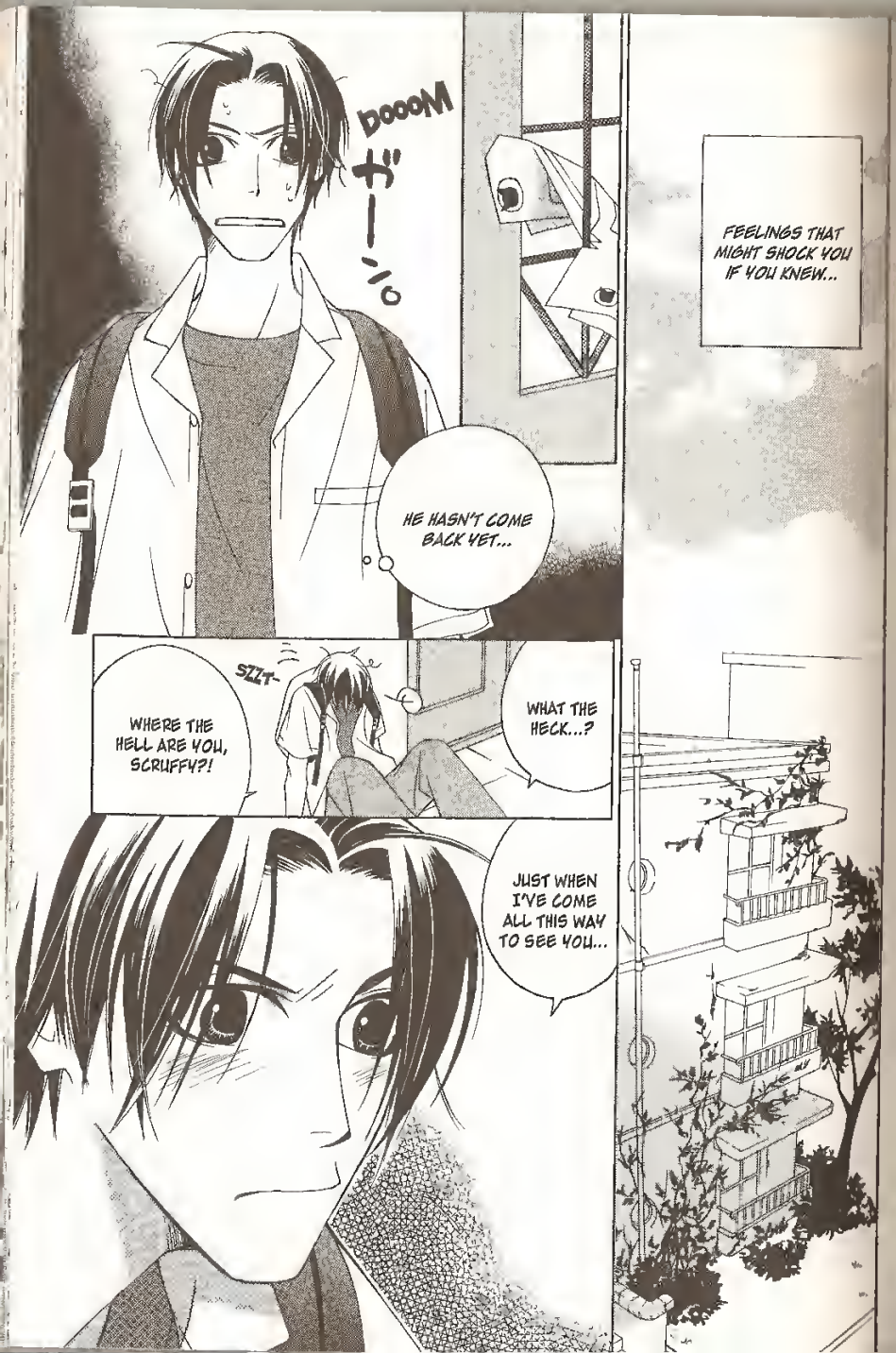
...IS WHAT HE SAID.

"I THINK HE MIGHT EVEN HATE ME NOW..."


IT'S JUST THAT I'M IN LOVE WITH SOMEBODY ELSE.
YESTERDAY, I...
NAKAHARA-SAN WANTED TO TALK SERIOUSLY WITH ME ABOUT SOMETHING...
BUT I—
I WAS SELFISH. I WAS ONLY ABLE TO THINK OF MYSELF, AND—
...I ENDED UP JUST DISMISSING WHAT HE WANTED TO SAY.
I WAS THE ONE IN THE WRONG...

HA...
I SEE.
THAT'S WHY I WENT TO APOLOGIZE TO HIM TODAY, BUT...
...HE WAS OUT!
OH MY
BLUSH
Y-YOU DON'T HAVE TO LAUGH AT ME!
IT'S JUST THAT I SEE YOU'RE ABLE TO MAKE UP WITH YOUR FRIENDS ON YOUR OWN NOW, AKIRA.
I KNOW, BUT—
BUT WHAT?
HUH...?
IN THE PAST, I ALWAYS HAD TO ACT AS THE MIDDLE-MAN.


DOOOM
ガーン
FEELINGS THAT MIGHT SHOCK YOU IF YOU KNEW...
HE HASN'T COME BACK YET...
SIZT-
WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU, SCRUFFY?!
WHAT THE HECK...?
JUST WHEN I'VE COME ALL THIS WAY TO SEE YOU...

THAT'S RIGHT, BIG BROTHER.
I CAN'T BE YOUR HELPLESS LITTLE BROTHER FOREVER.
IT MAKES ME A LITTLE SAD THAT YOU DON'T NEED ME ANYMORE FOR THAT, BUT...
REALLY ?
SATORU
AKIRA- IT'S DINNERTIME!
YOU SOUND LIKE AN OLD MAN!
WHAT? WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
IT ALSO MAKES ME REALIZE THAT YOU'VE GROWN UP...
...AND I FEEL KINDA PROUD.
THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS ABOUT ME NOW THAT YOU DON'T KNOW.
I HAVE FEELINGS-
I FEEL LIKE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU SMILE IN A LONG TIME, AKIRA.

JUST WHEN I'D DECIDED THAT...
...I WANTED TO TALK TO HIM TODAY...
...BECAUSE I THINK THAT NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO TELL HIM HOW I HONESTLY FEEL...
I GUESS TODAY HE'S A NO-SHOW... AGAIN.
WHAT THE HECK IS HE DOING?!
HRRRGH
...!
COULD IT BE THAT HE'S COLLAPSED IN THERE AGAIN...?!
GRAB

LOCKED
SIGH...
...WHAT AM I THINKING?!
BLUSH
HA HA HA HA
GUYS LIKE HIM DON'T COLLAPSE OVER AND OVER SO EASILY!
WHAT'S GOING ON? IS HE AVOIDING ME...?
...
...
HEY, YOU-
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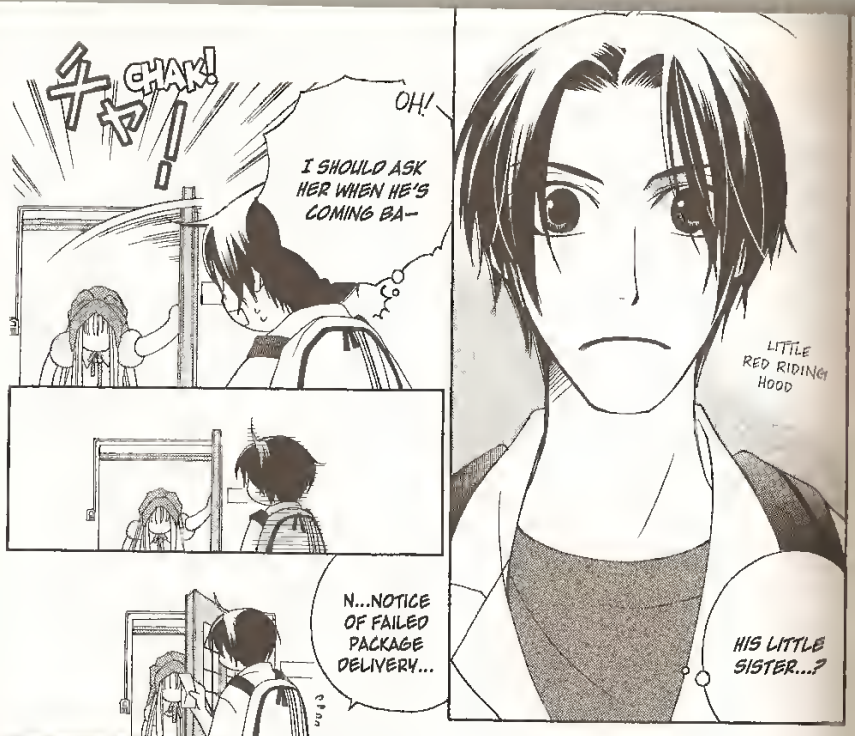
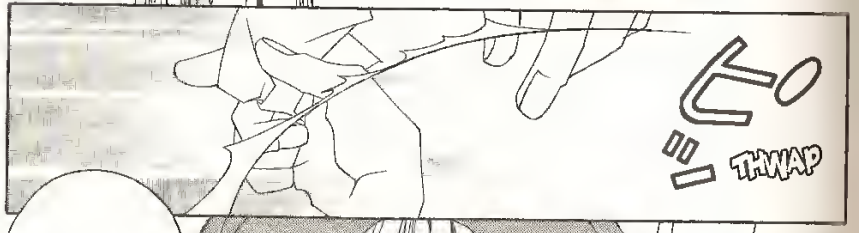

チャ CHAK!
OH!
I SHOULD ASK HER WHEN HE'S COMING BA-
LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD
N...NOTICE OF FAILED PACKAGE DELIVERY...
HIS LITTLE SISTER...?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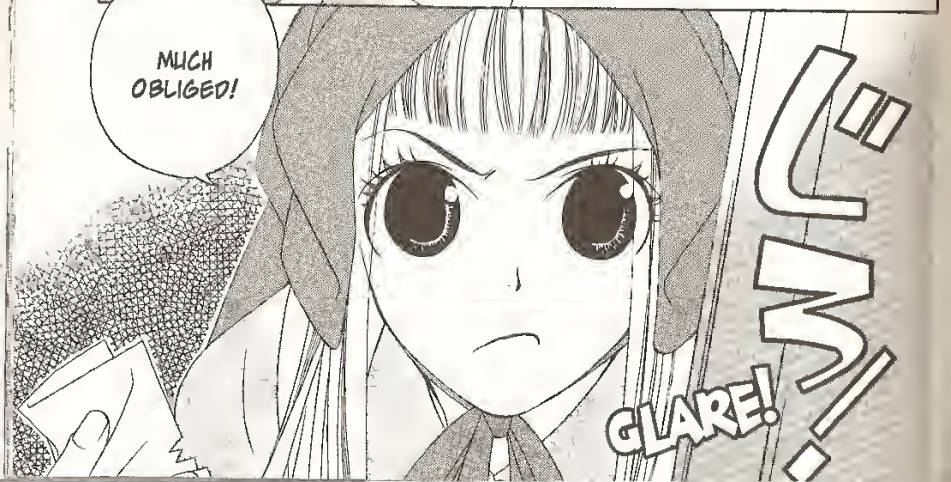
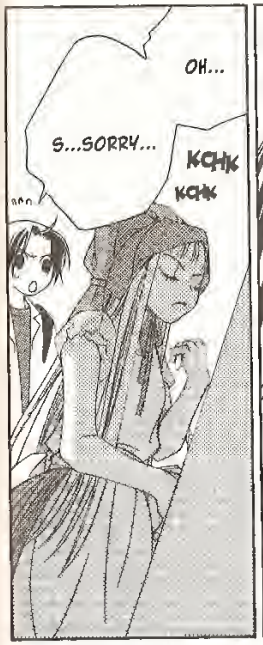
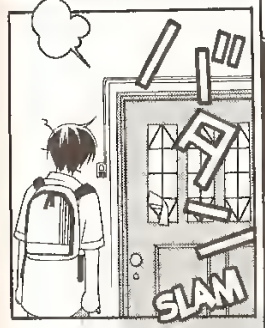

MUCH OBLIGED!
ジロッ! GLARE!


OH...
S...SORRY...
KCHK KCHK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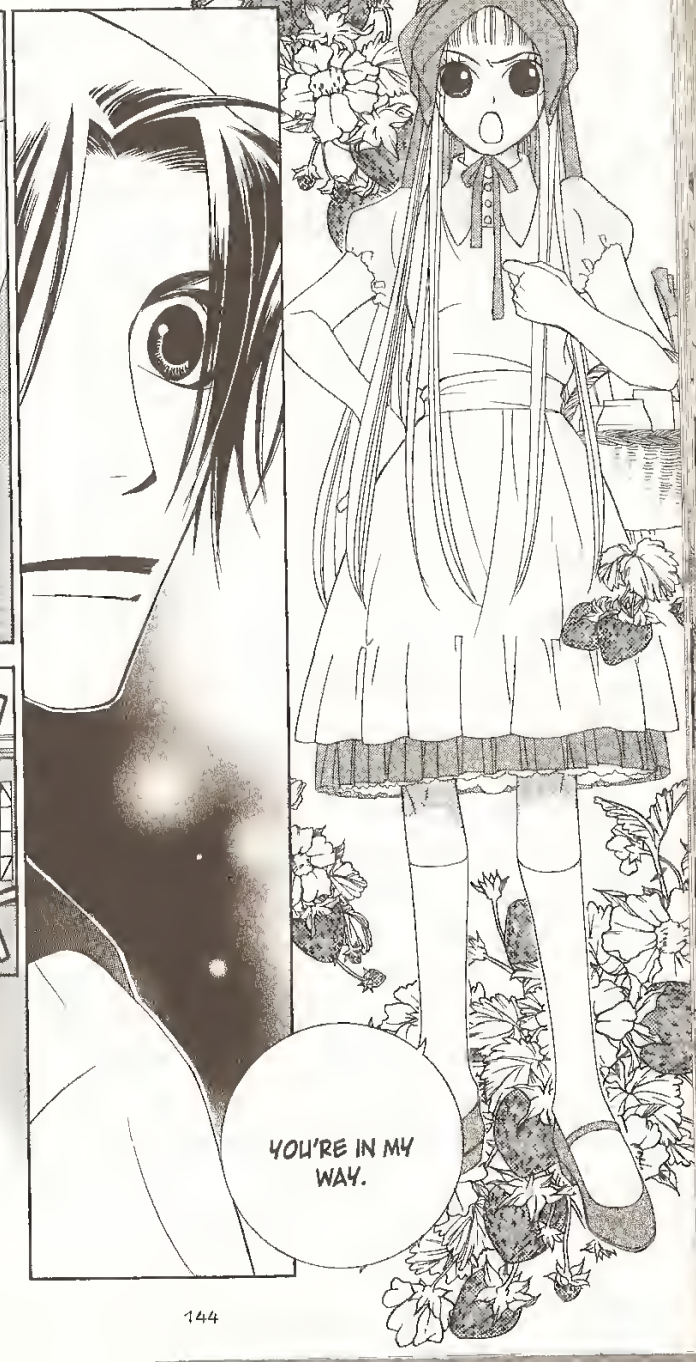
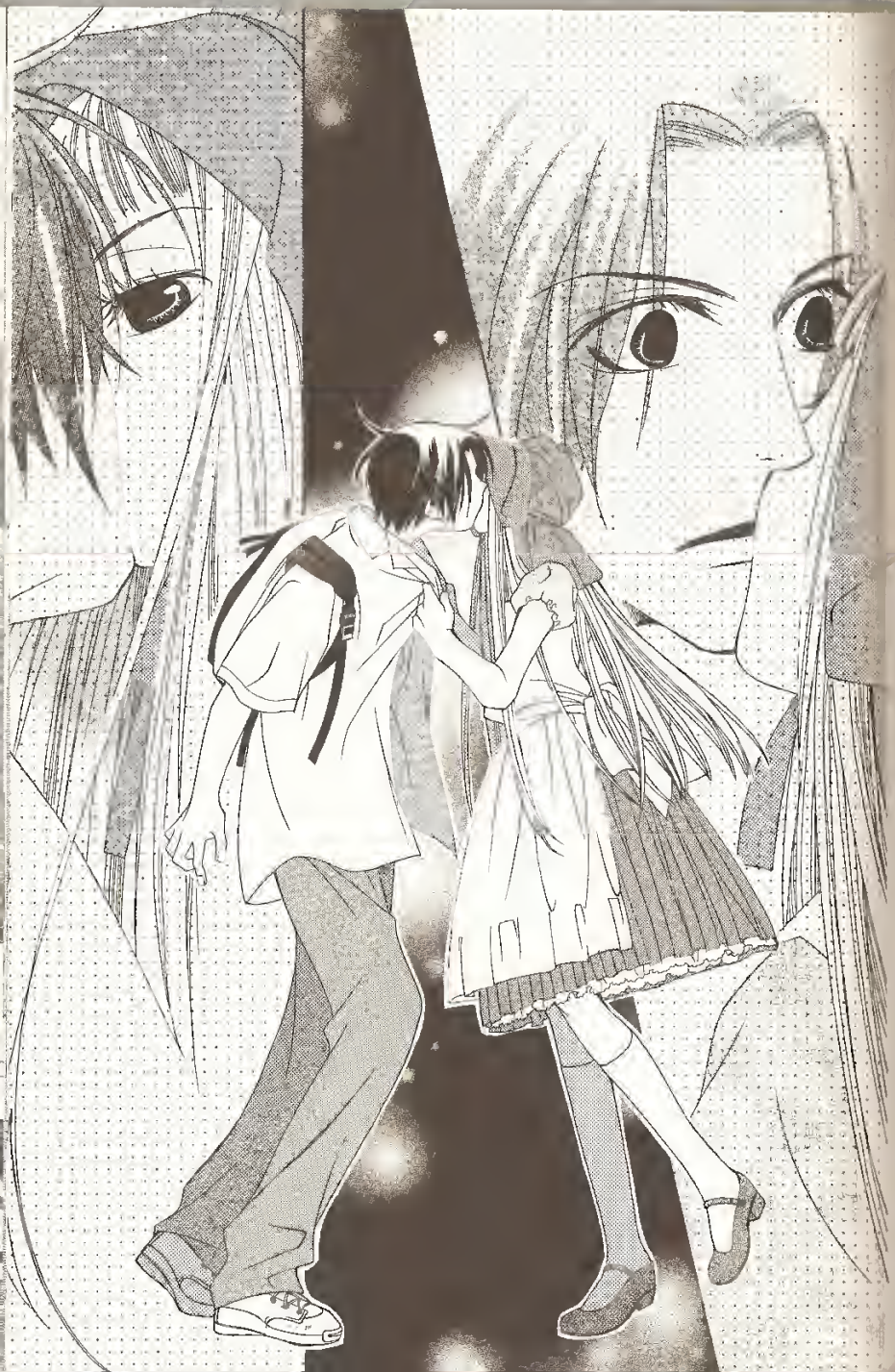
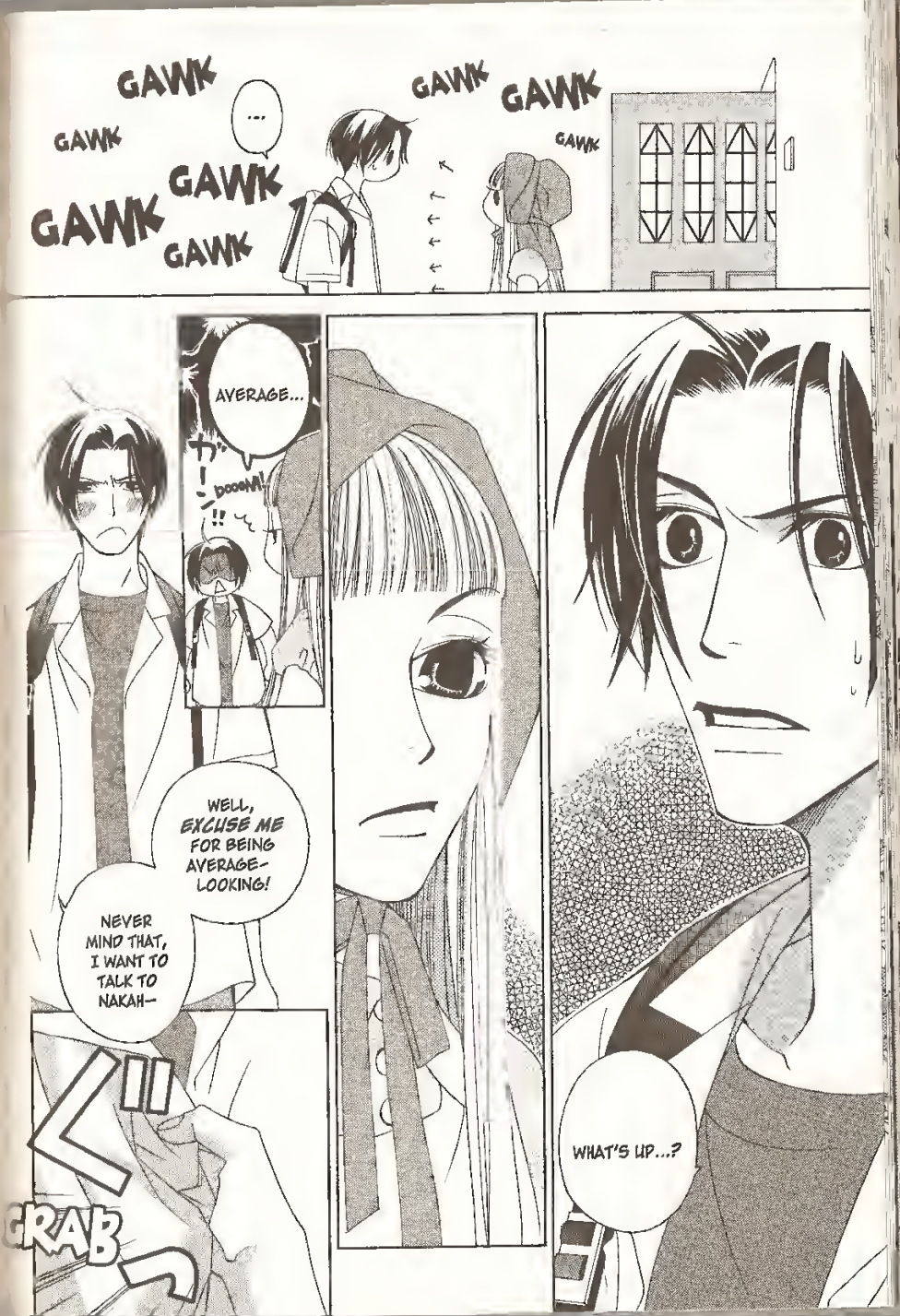
NAKAHARA


YOU'RE IN MY WAY.




GAWK
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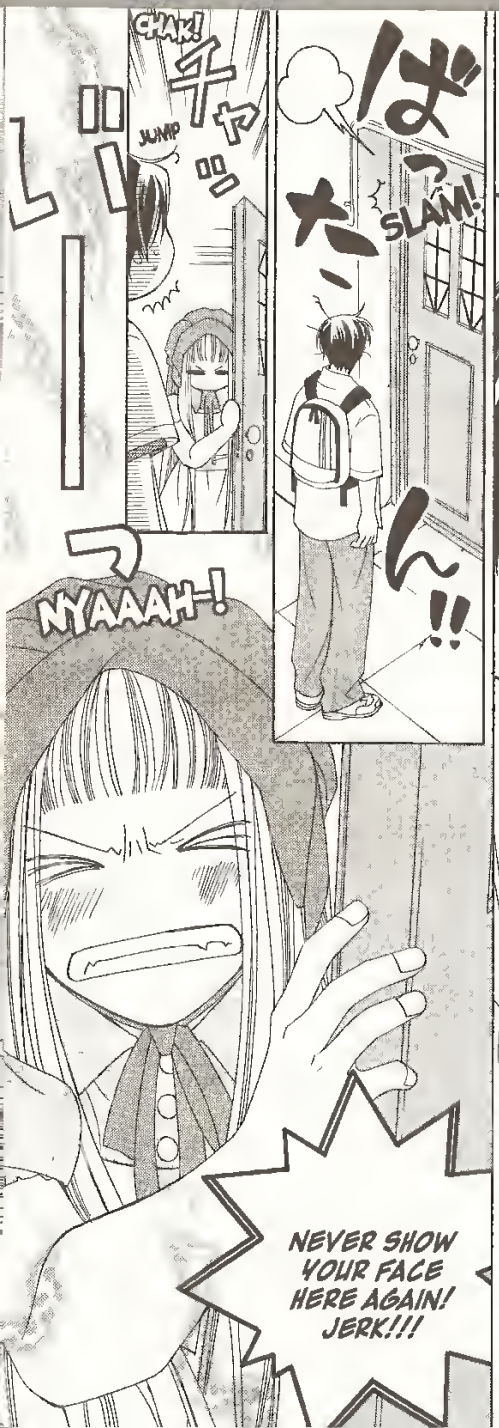
...
AVERAGE...
DOOOM!
WELL, EXCUSE ME FOR BEING AVERAGE-LOOKING!
NEVER MIND THAT, I WANT TO TALK TO NAKAH—
GRAB
WHAT'S UP...?


CHAK!
チャッ
JUMP
SLAM!
ばたん!!
NYAAAH-!
NEVER SHOW YOUR FACE HERE AGAIN! JERK!!!

YOU'RE EVEN LESS THAN AVERAGE.
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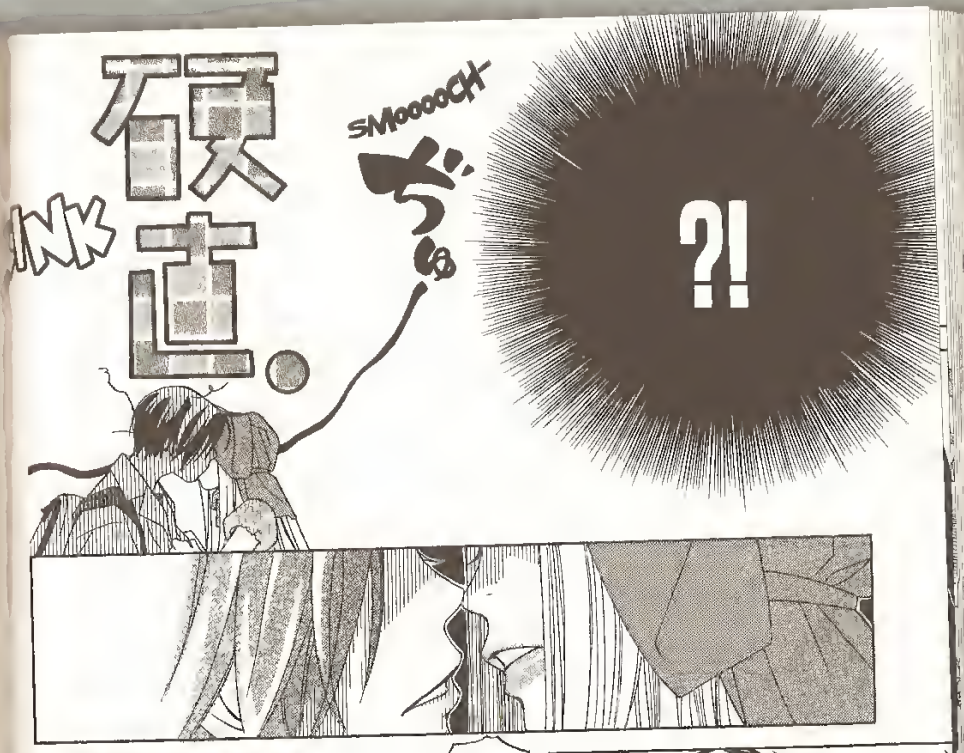
CHUCKLE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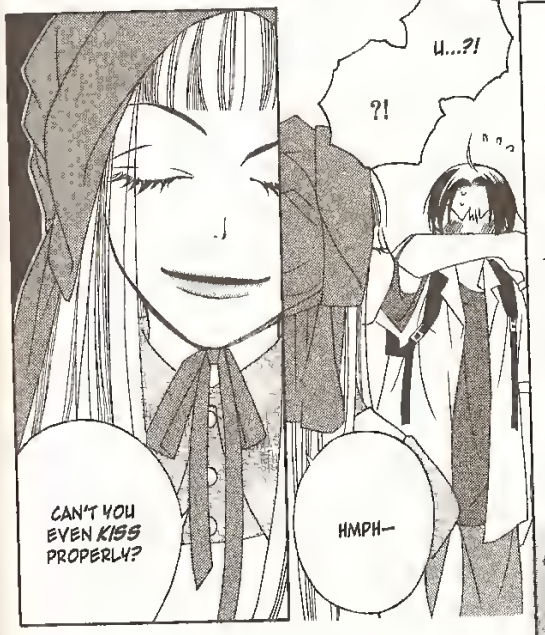
CAN'T YOU EVEN KISS PROPERLY?
HMPH—
U...?!
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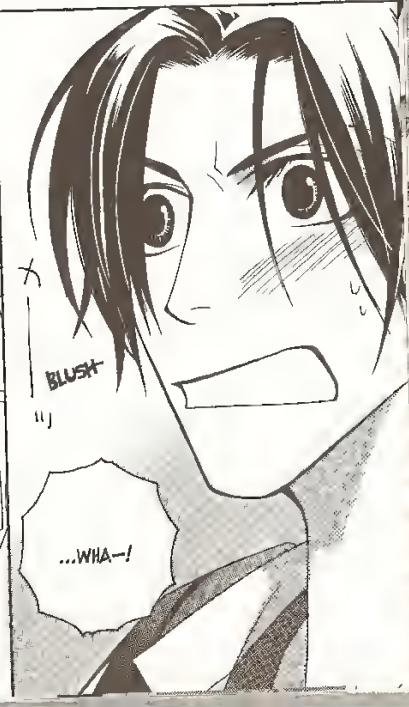
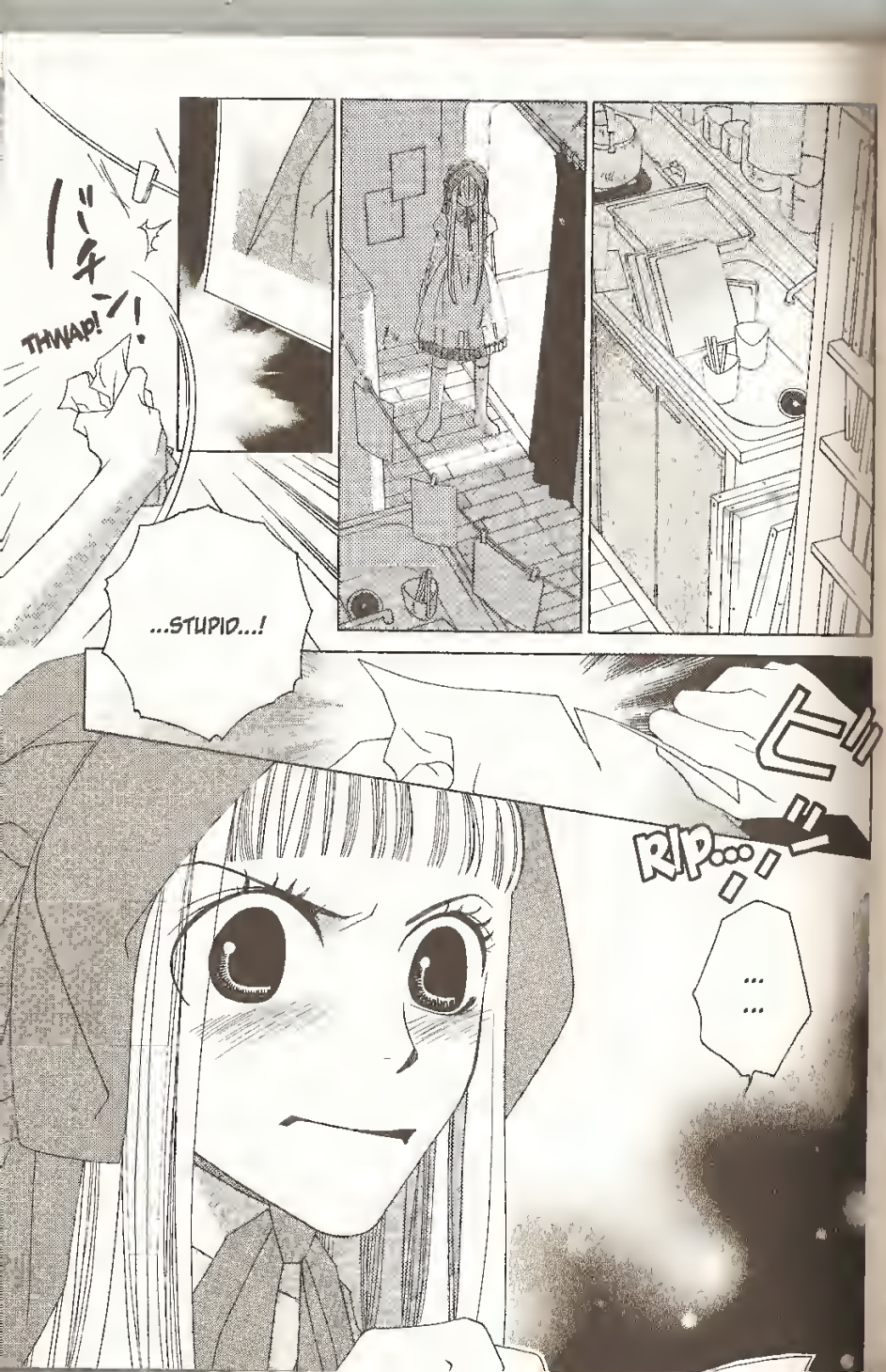

BLUSH
...WHA—!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THWAP!
...STUPID...!
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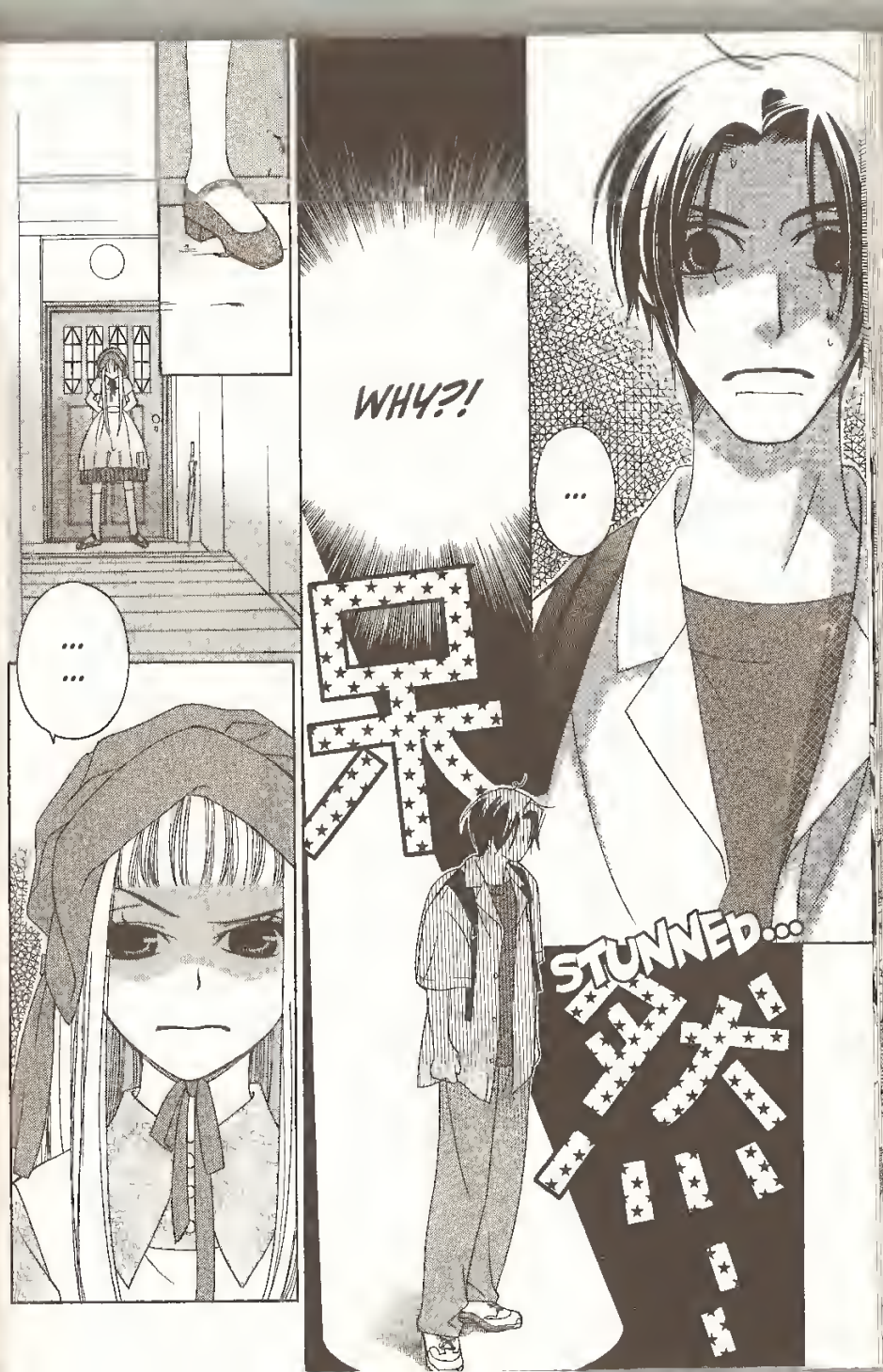
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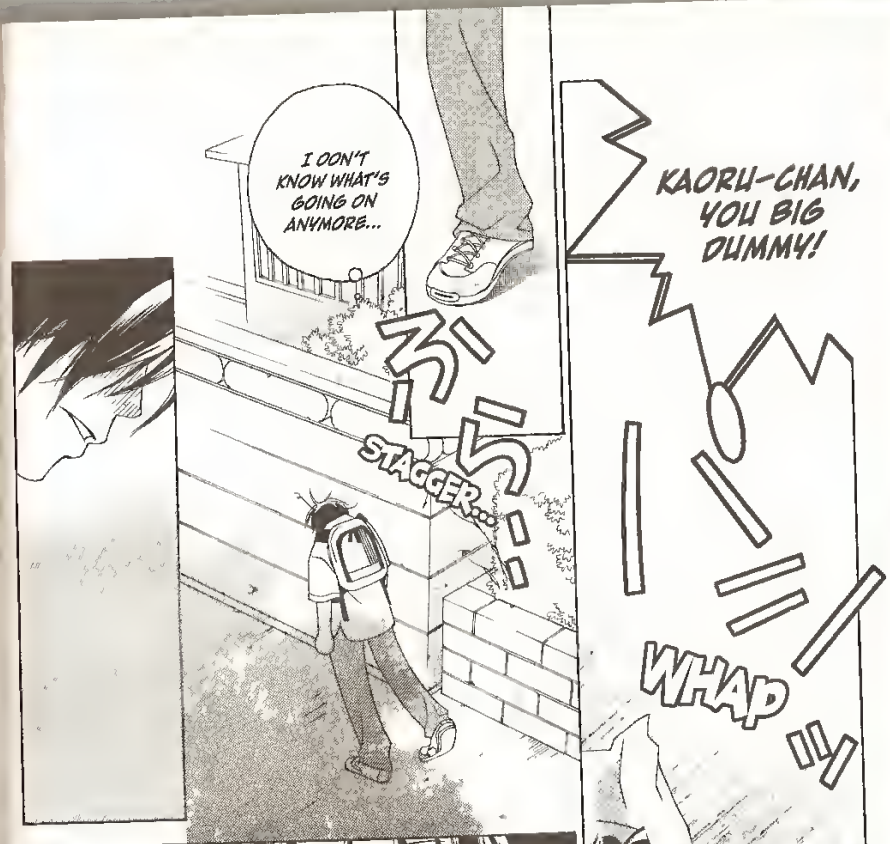
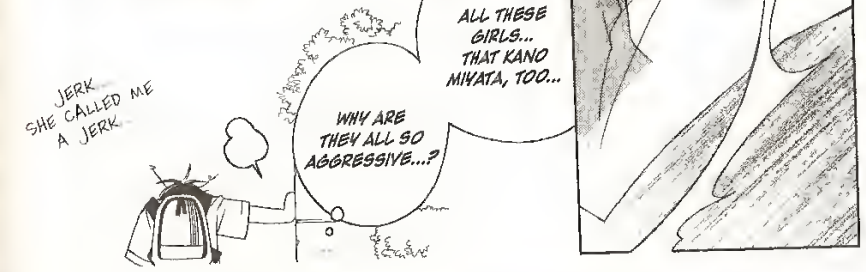
WHY?!
STUNNED...

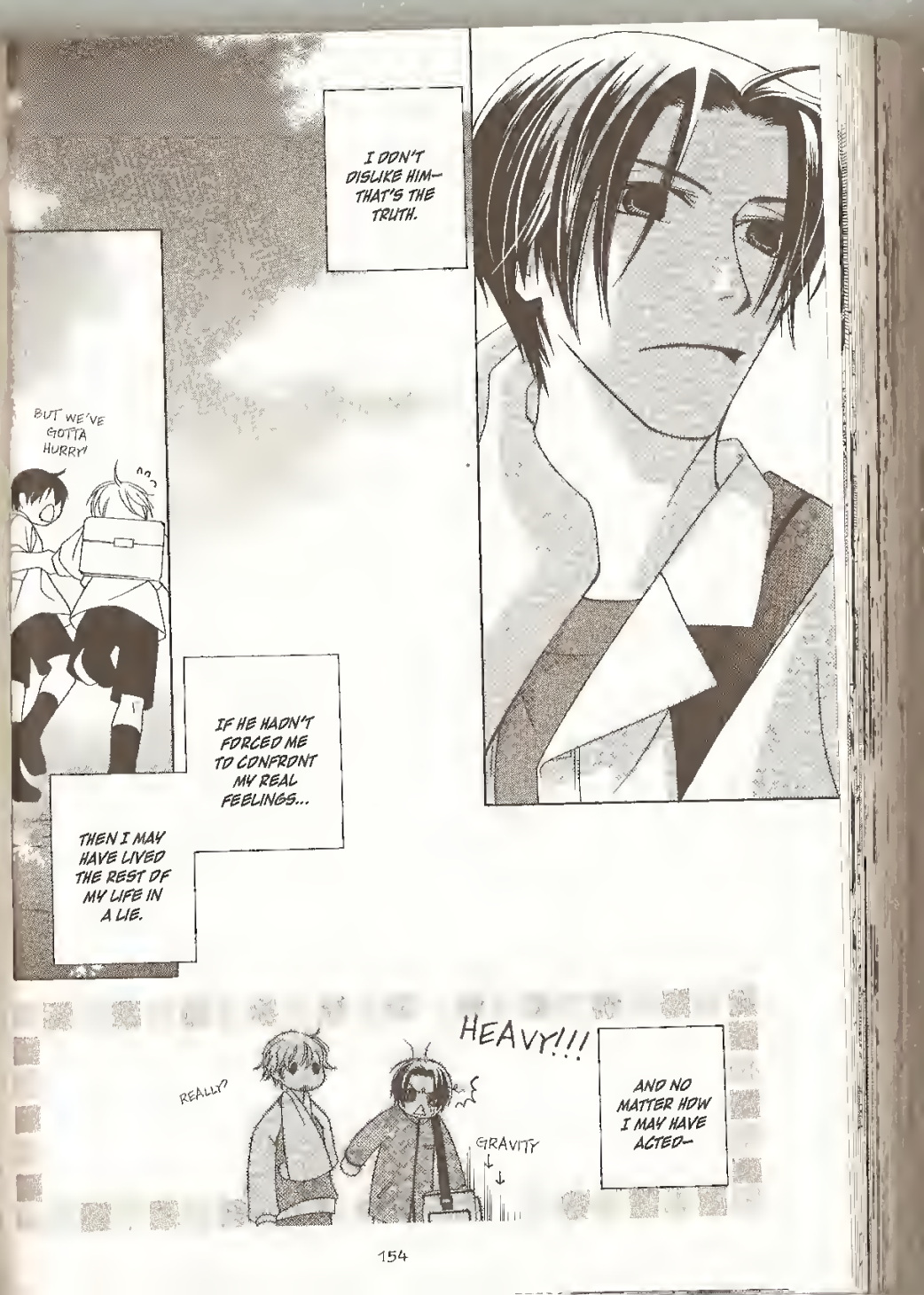
UNTIL JUST RECENTLY...
I COULDN'T GET RID OF HIM EVEN IF I WANTED TO-
MORNING-
BUT NOW THAT I NEED TO SEE HIM, HE'S NOWHERE TO BE FOUND
CLAK
CLAK
CLAK
SO ONCE AGAIN I DIDN'T GET TO SEE HIM AT ALL...

HEY- SLOW DOWN, JIN!
OOPS
IS HE NOT EVEN GOING TO GIVE ME A CHANCE TO APOLOGIZE...?
I WONDER IF HE REALLY IS AVOIDING ME...


I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON ANYMORE...
KAORU-CHAN, YOU BIG DUMMY!
STAGGER...
WHAP
BLUSH
FORCIBLY KISSED BY A GIRL...


JERK SHE CALLED ME A JERK
WHY ARE THEY ALL SO AGGRESSIVE...?
ALL THESE GIRLS... THAT KANO MIYATA, TOO...

OH!
VRROOOM...
THE BUS...!
DASH
THE TRUTH IS... HE WAS ACTUALLY KINDA FUN TO BE AROUND.
DON'T DROP IT-
JUST MOVE YOUR ARM!


I DON'T DISLIKE HIM— THAT'S THE TRUTH.
BUT WE'VE GOTTA HURRY!
IF HE HADN'T FORCED ME TO CONFRONT MY REAL FEELINGS...
THEN I MAY HAVE LIVED THE REST OF MY LIFE IN A LIE.
HEAVY!!!
REALLY?
GRAVITY
AND NO MATTER HOW I MAY HAVE ACTED—

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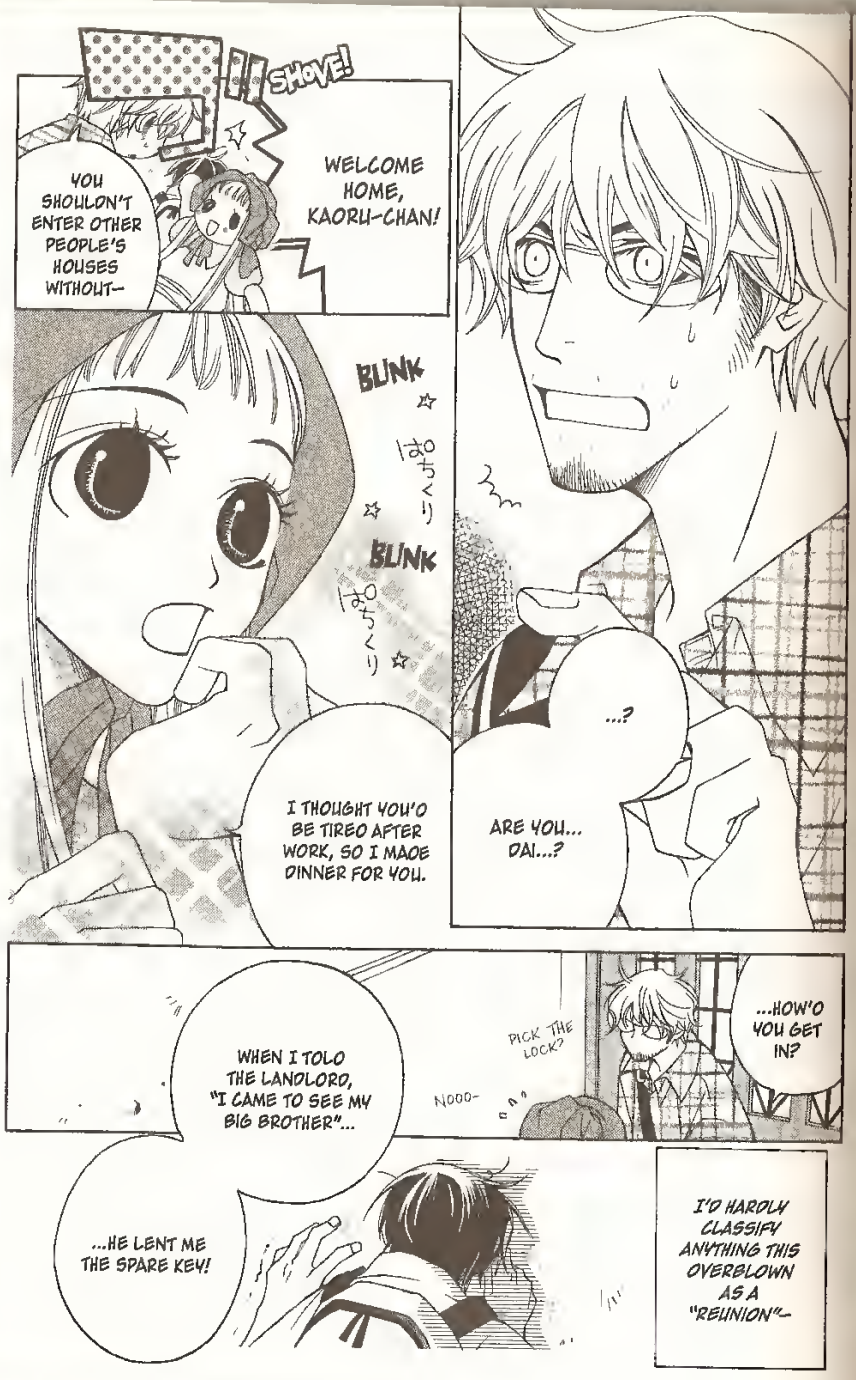
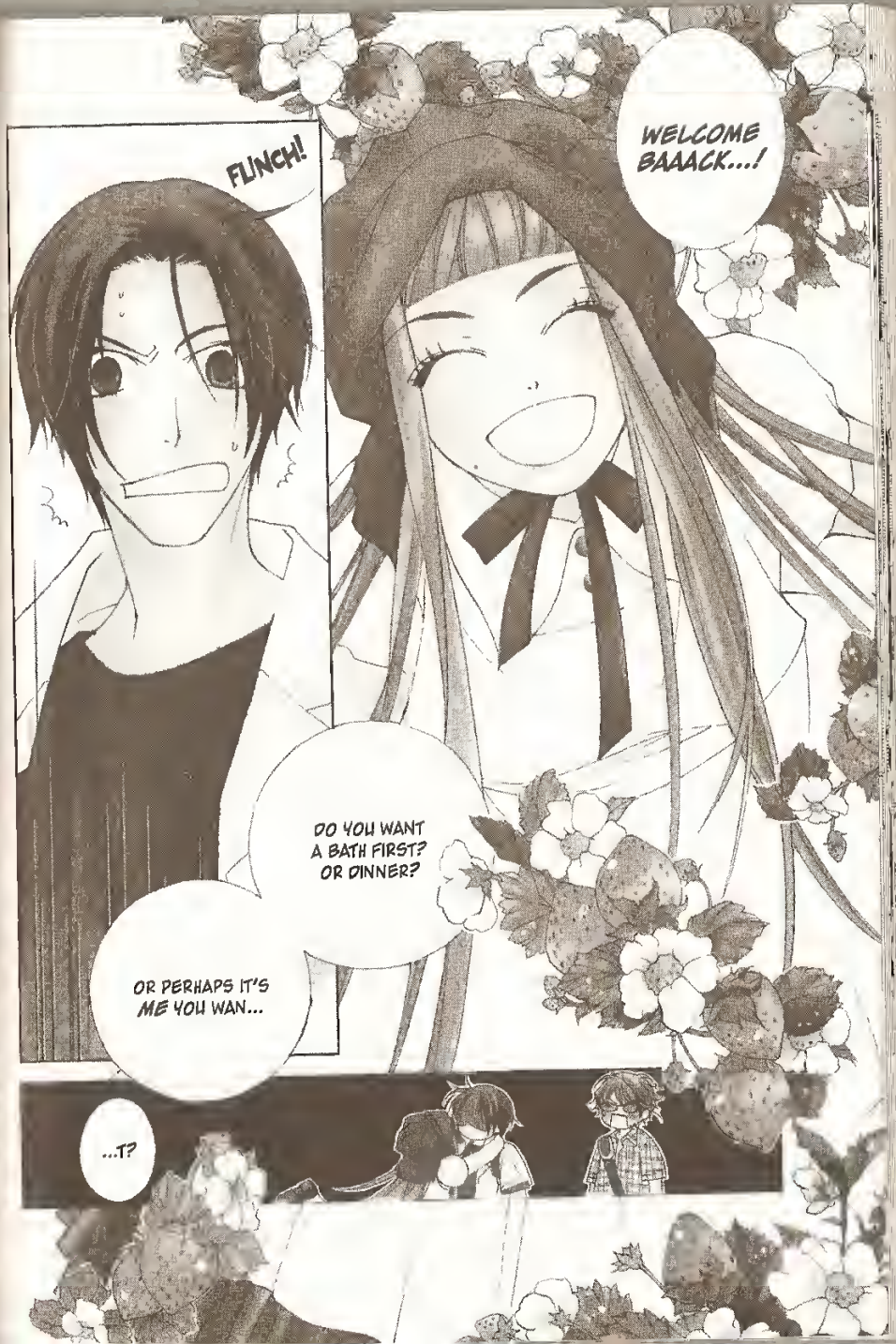
WHAM
WH-
...WHOA...!
I DON'T DISLIKE HIM— THAT'S THE TRUTH.


SHOVE!
YOU SHOULDN'T ENTER OTHER PEOPLE'S HOUSES WITHOUT—
WELCOME HOME, KAORU-CHAN!
BLINK
BLINK
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE TIRED AFTER WORK, SO I MADE DINNER FOR YOU.
...?
ARE YOU... DAI...?
...HOW'D YOU GET IN?
PICK THE LOCK?
NOOO-
WHEN I TOLD THE LANDLORD, "I CAME TO SEE MY BIG BROTHER"...
...HE LENT ME THE SPARE KEY!
I'D HARDLY CLASSIFY ANYTHING THIS OVERBLOWN AS A "REUNION"—

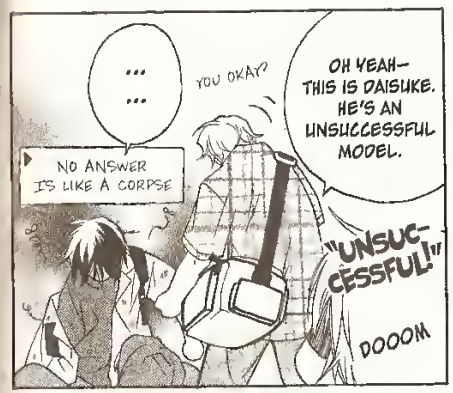

WELCOME BAAACK...!
FLINCH!
DO YOU WANT A BATH FIRST? OR DINNER?
OR PERHAPS IT'S ME YOU WAN...
...?

WHO ARE YOU CALLING A CROSS-DRESSER, YOU JERK?!
CROSS-DRE...?
WHAP-!
H...
THIS WOMAN FROM THE SAME AGENCY AS ME CANCELED HER MODELING GIG AT THE LAST MINUTE!
...AND SO, THEY TOLD ME THEY WOULDN'T TAKE ANY CLOSE-UPS AND MADE ME BE A STAND-IN FOR HER. CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?!
...WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT?
A NEW HOBBY OF YOURS?
LISTEN, LISTEN, KAORU-CHAN— IT'S TERRIBLE.

I STILL HAVE NO IDEA WHY SHE DID WHAT SHE DID TO ME.
TALK ABOUT AWKWARD...
TUG TUG
...I DON'T REMEMBER HAVING ANY CROSS-DRESSING "LITTLE SISTER."
COME ON IN, AKIRA-KUN.
OH, UH—
I THINK I'D BETTER JUST GO HOME AFTER ALL—
?

BUT SINCE I HAVEN'T SEEN NAKAHARA IN A WHILE, I FEEL LIKE I'M MEETING HIM AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME—
AND I FEEL SO NERVOUS...
QUIT CLINGING!
...WITH THIS GIRL HERE.

NOW YOU CAN DO LOTS OF WORK AGAIN!
I'M SO GLAD FOR YOU, KAORU-CHAN!
I'M GLA—
WHEW—
DON'T CLING!
I SAID...
I'M NOT SHOOTING YOU.
GLANCE
IGNORED—
WHAAAT?! MEANIE!
...
...
YOU KNOW I'D DO ANYTHING... ANYTHING YOU WANTED IF YOU'D ONLY SHOOT PICTURES OF ME, KAORU-CHAN...
MRGH!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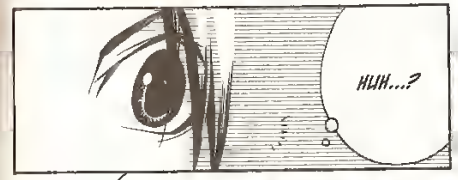
NO ANSWER IS LIKE A CORPSE
YOU OKAY?
OH YEAH— THIS IS DAISUKE. HE'S AN UNSUCCESSFUL MODEL.
"UNSUC-CESSFUL!"
DOOOM


HUH...?

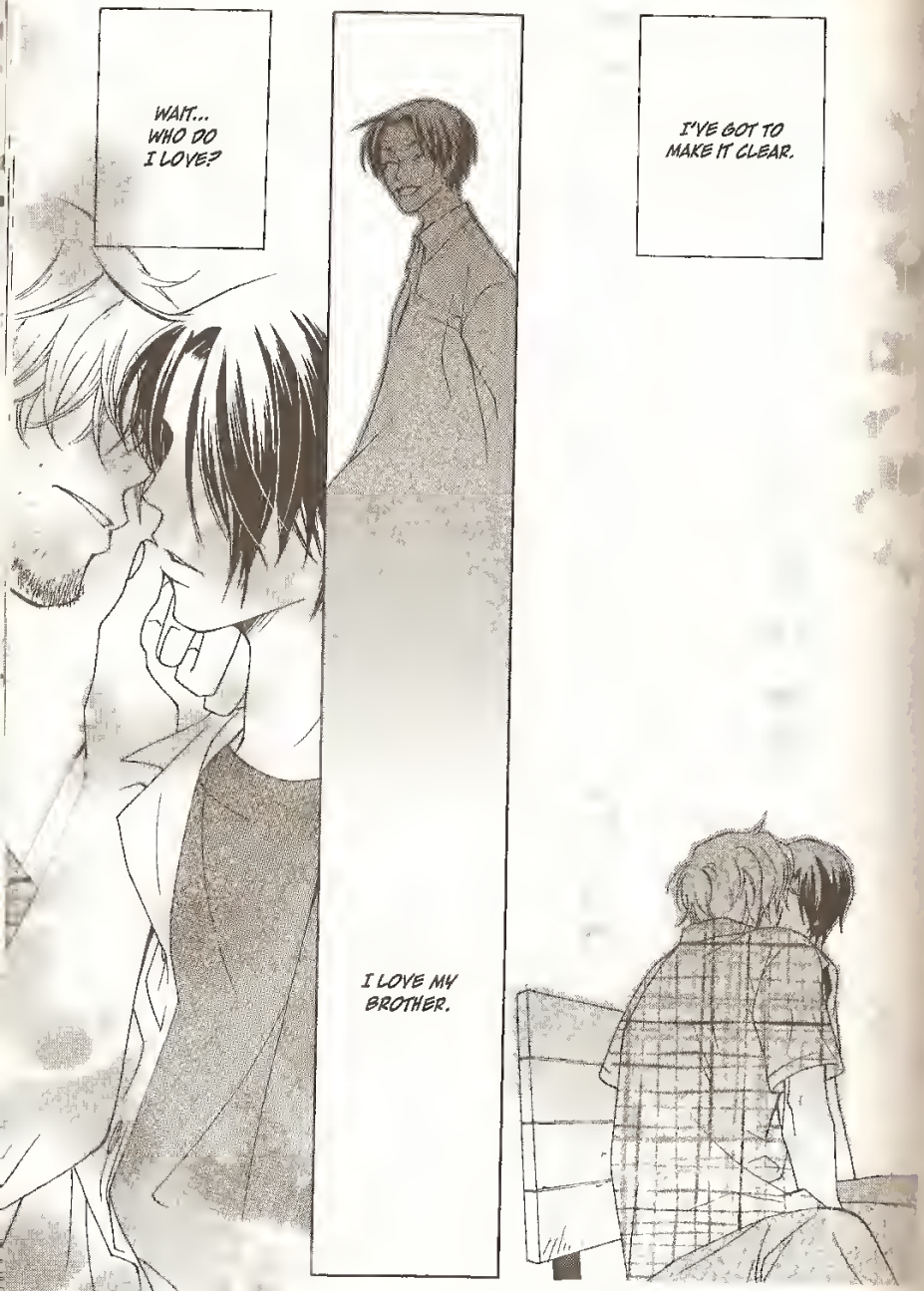
I DROPPED BY THE HOSPITAL ON MY WAY HOME.
LOOK AT ALL THIS DEAD SKIN THAT COMES OFF WHEN I RUB!
YOUR ARM...
YANK
YOU GOT YOUR CAST REMOVED, KAORU-CHAN?

HE'S A BOY?!
PEACE
ちょき♥
EYES ARE ITCHY FROM THE MASCARA
BUT THE LOOK SUITED ME BETTER THAN I THOUGHT, SO I WANTED TO COME SHOW YOU, KAORU-CHAN!
♥

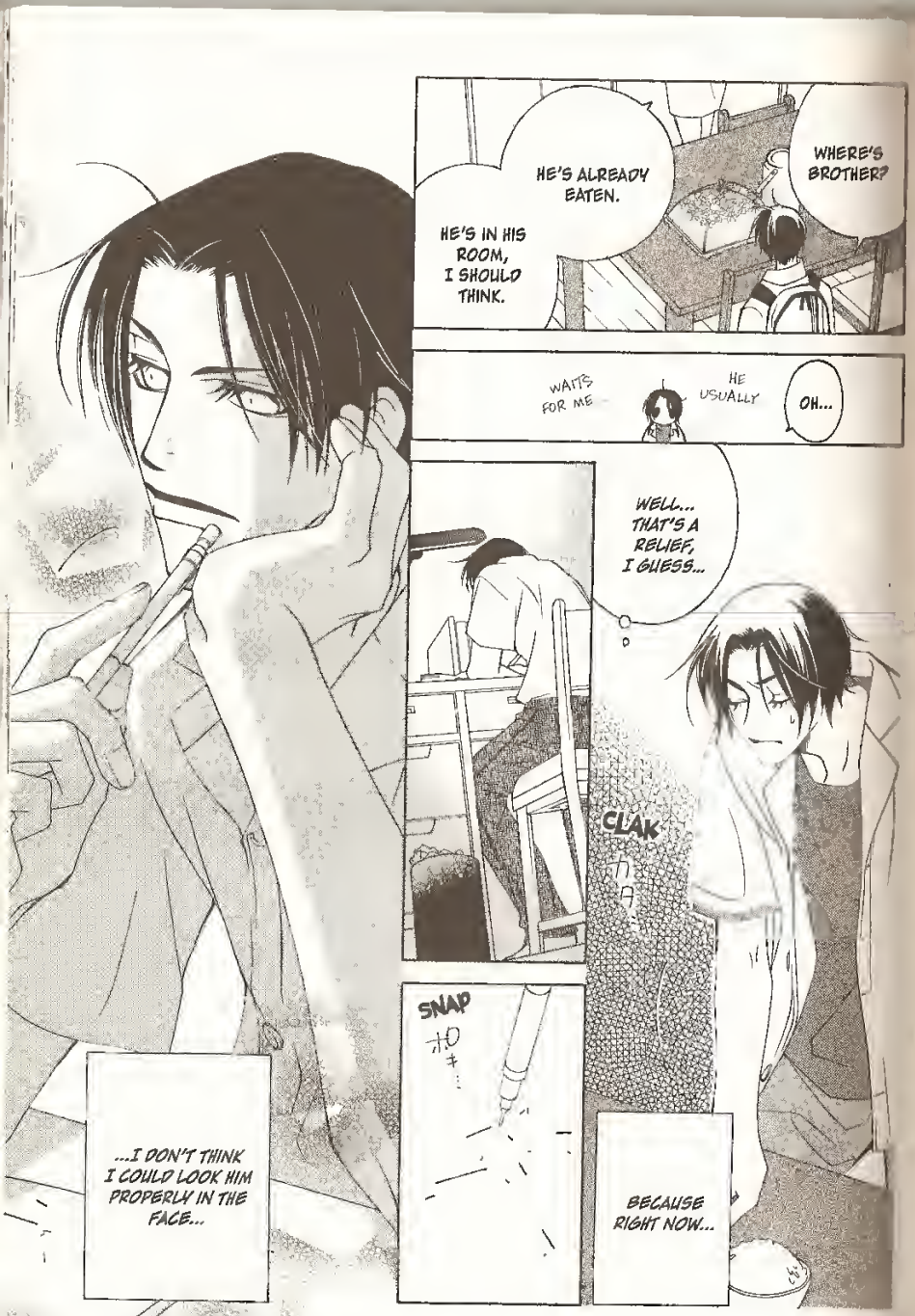
SORRY ABOUT THAT— AFTER YOU CAME ALL THE WAY DOWN AND ALL...
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
...
...
I SEE.
UMM... YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN REAL BUSY LATELY AND...
...NO... I'M THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO APOLOGIZE...

THAT'S NOT WHAT I- I MEAN, I'M GLAD YOU'RE BETTER, BUT
WIGGLE
WIGGLE
BUT MY ARM'S ALL BETTER

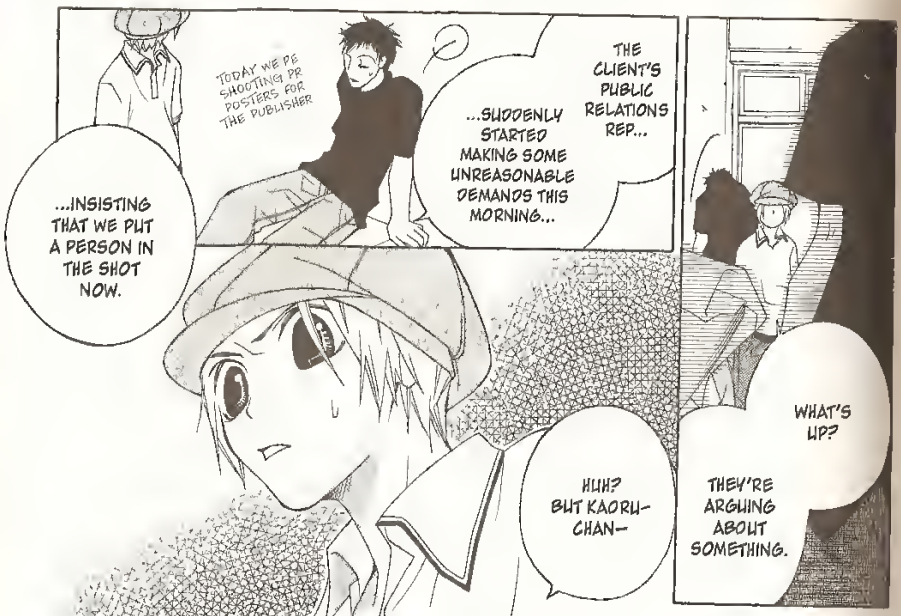
BYE!
HUH?
I ONLY CAME TO RETURN THIS 'CAUSE TEACHER ASKED ME TO.
SHOVE!
!
KAORU-CHAN?! WHAT ABOUT YOUR DINNER?!
IT'LL GET COLD!
GRAB
WAI...
AKIRA-KUN?!
DASH
IT'S HEAVY
DUM
MY-!

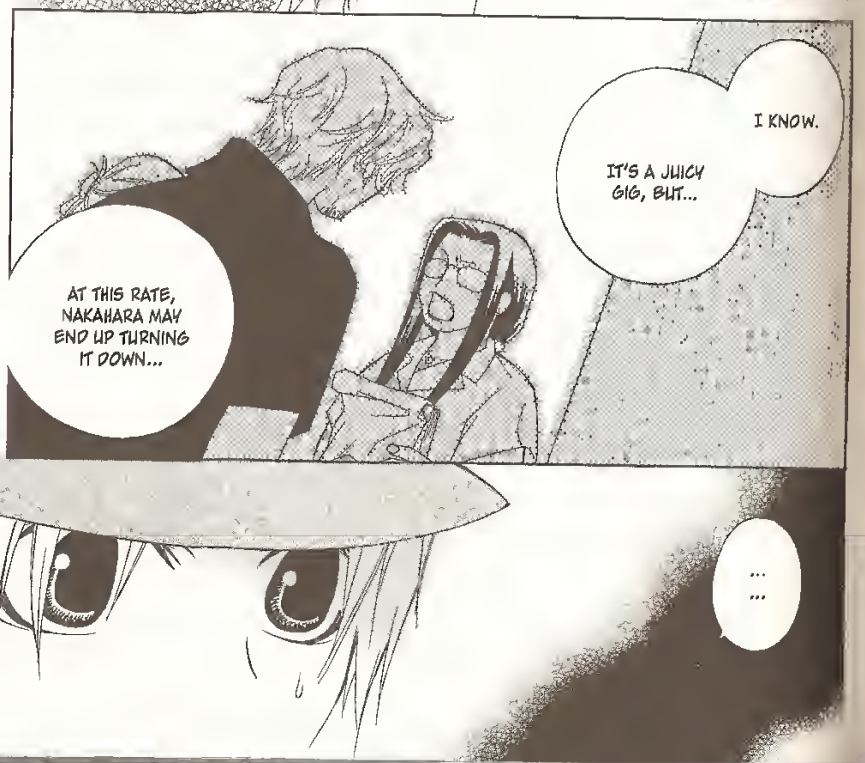

WAIT... WHO DO I LOVE?
I'VE GOT TO MAKE IT CLEAR.
I LOVE MY BROTHER.

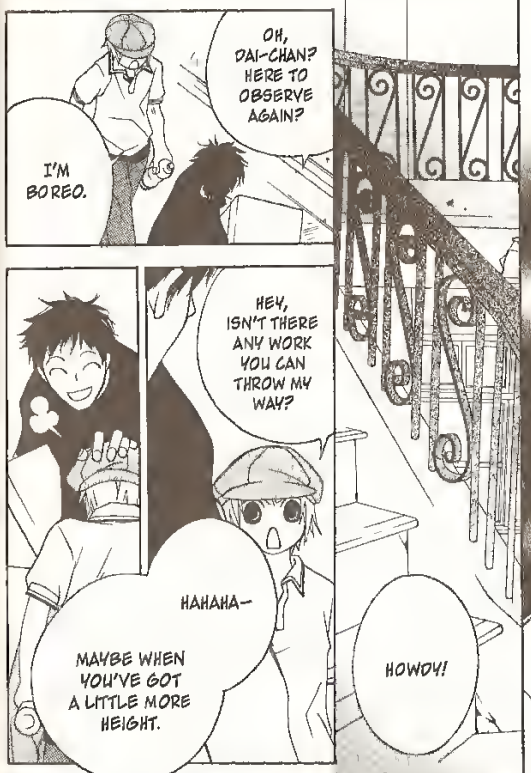
S...
YOUR HAIR— IT'S GROWN...
...I HAVE TO TELL HIM...
UMM... ANYWAY—
ARE YOU GROWING IT OUT?
BUT IT'S ONLY BEEN TWO, THREE DAYS—
Y...YOU THINK?
...WHO IT IS I TRULY LOVE...
HUH? NO—
NOT...
...PARTICULARLY...

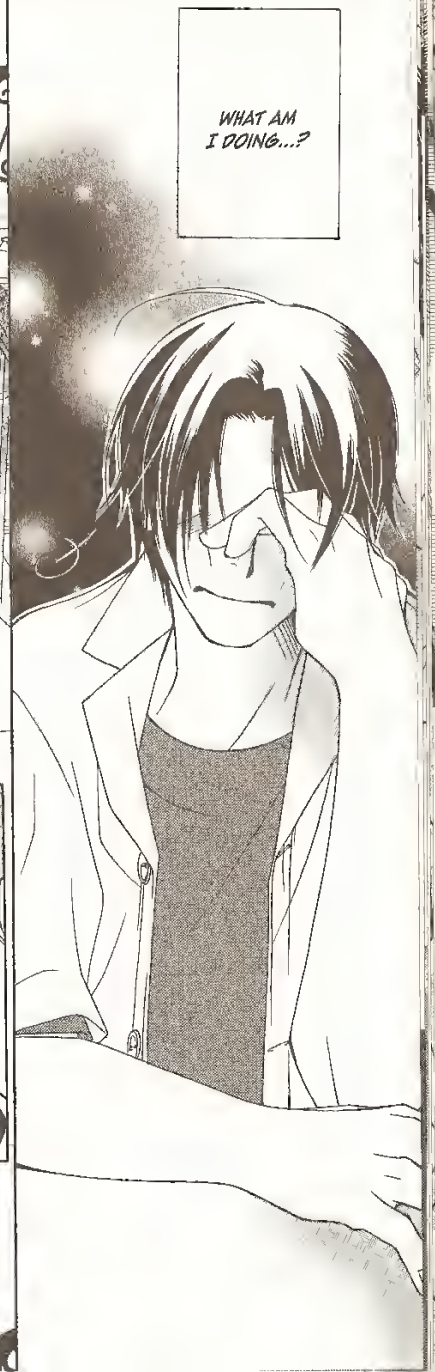

WHERE'S BROTHER?
HE'S ALREADY EATEN.
HE'S IN HIS ROOM, I SHOULD THINK.
WAITS FOR ME
HE USUALLY
OH...
WELL... THAT'S A RELIEF, I GUESS...
CLAK
SNAP
...I DON'T THINK I COULD LOOK HIM PROPERLY IN THE FACE...
BECAUSE RIGHT NOW...

I'LL EAT.
HURRY SO I CAN CLEAR UP-
YOU'RE SO LATE!
WHAT ABOUT DINNER? DO YOU WANT TO EAT?
OH? WHY IS YOUR FACE SO RED?
IS IT YOUR COLD AGAIN?
SPACE
NO...
SINGLE PORTION
I'M HOME...
WHO IS IT THAT I'M TRULY IN LOVE WITH?
I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN.


TODAY WE'RE SHOOTING PR POSTERS FOR THE PUBLISHER
...SUDDENLY STARTED MAKING SOME UNREASONABLE DEMANDS THIS MORNING...
THE CLIENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS REP...
...INSISTING THAT WE PUT A PERSON IN THE SHOT NOW.
HUH? BUT KAORU-CHAN—
WHAT'S UP?
THEY'RE ARGUING ABOUT SOMETHING.

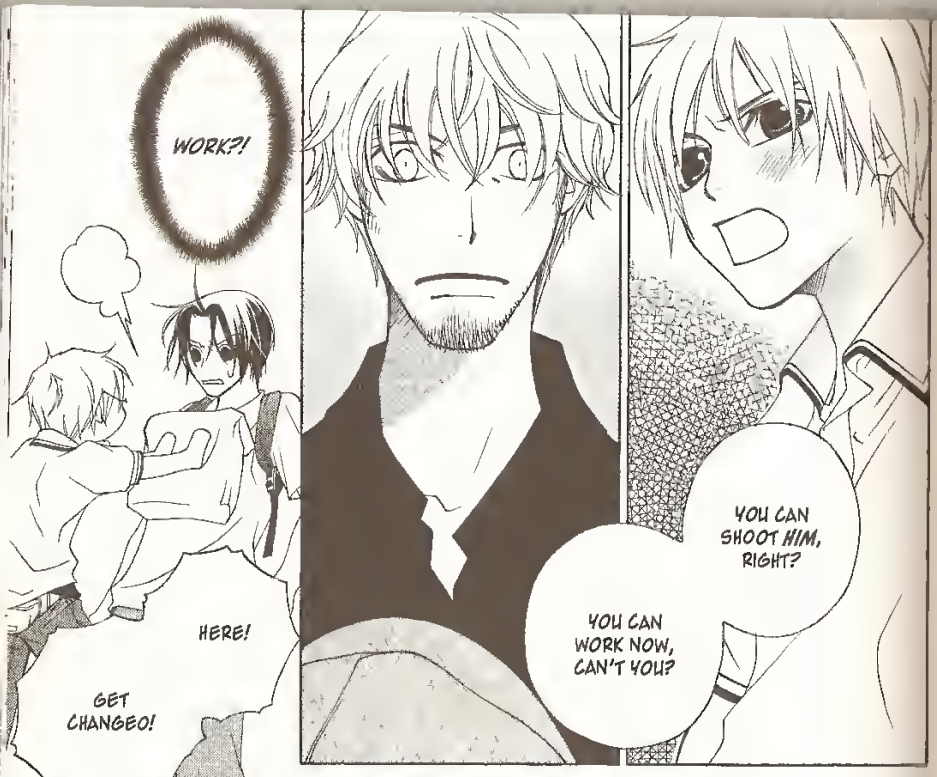

I KNOW.
IT'S A JUICY GIG, BUT...
AT THIS RATE, NAKAHARA MAY END UP TURNING IT DOWN...
...
...


OH, DAI-CHAN? HERE TO OBSERVE AGAIN?
I'M BOREO.
HEY, ISN'T THERE ANY WORK YOU CAN THROW MY WAY?
HAHAHA—
MAYBE WHEN YOU'VE GOT A LITTLE MORE HEIGHT.
HOWDY!


WHAT AM I DOING...?

CHATTER
YOU KNOW, GETTING TOGETHER WITH THEIR MODELS AND ALL...
SO LUCKY! MAYBE HE COULD INTRODUCE US TO SOME!
HE'S GAY, YOU KNOW...
CHATTER
I'M HEADIN' HOME
OOH, A PARTY!
HE'S NOT MY FRIEN...!
I WONDER IF PHOTOGRAPHERS DO WELL WITH THE LADIES...?
I'D DO ANYTHING IF YOU'D ONLY SHOOT PICTURES OF ME, KAORU-CHAN...
HUH?
WAIT— DOES THAT MEAN...
...THAT KID'S IN LOVE WITH NAKA...
OH!

HEY, HEY— DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?
HUH?
HEY, TOGAWA—
...
...
YOU KNOW— THAT PHOTOGRAPHER YOU INJURED.
I GUESS HE WAS ACTUALLY PRETTY FAMOUS.
WITH ANY LUCK...
SO! COULD YOU GET ME HIS AUTOGRAPH?
OR BETTER YET, INTRODUCE ME!
WHAT? WHY ME?
IT COULD...
LEAD TO MY DEBUT!
'CAUSE YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH HIM, RIGHT, TOGAWA?


WORK?!
HERE!
GET CHANGED!
YOU CAN SHOOT HIM, RIGHT?
YOU CAN WORK NOW, CAN'T YOU?

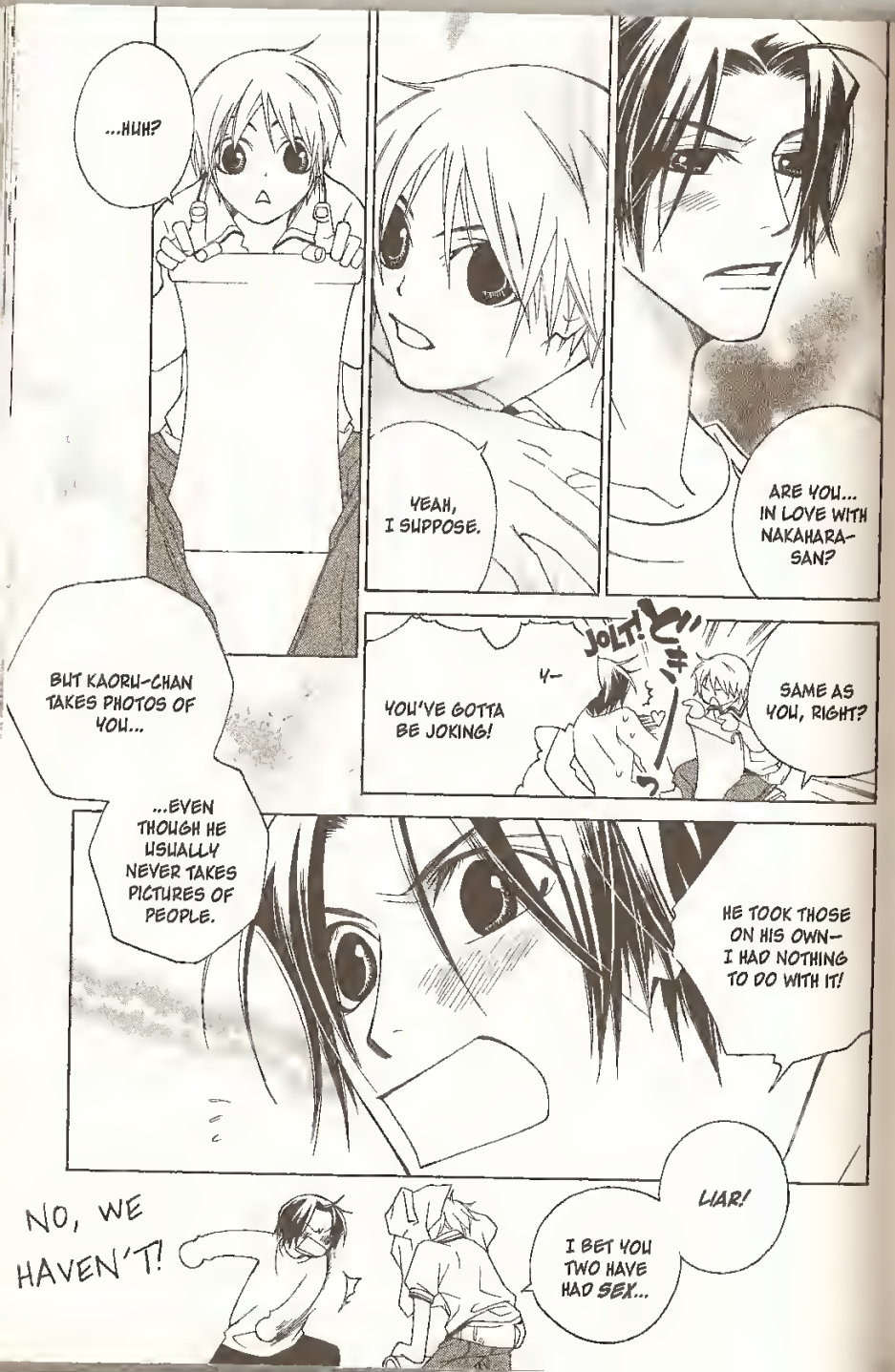
LET ME SHOOT A FEW PICTURES OF YOU.
CLAP
I'M SORRY, AKIRA-KUN...

OAI, YOU PREP AKIRA-KUN!
GOTCHA!
LEADS TO HIS DEBUT.
PURE CHANCE...
SHOULD WE ADD SOME EXTRA LIGHTS, NAKAHARA?
NO, THIS IS FINE...

I JUST WANNA GO HOME
OAI, WHERE HAVE YOU—

KAORU-CHAN!
GOOD TIMING!
I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR YOU!
WHO'S THAT?
OH, IT'S JUST A DUDE
HUH?

?!
C'MERE!
SORRY I'M LATE...!
"LATE"? WHAT ARE YOU...?
WH—
WHAT'S NAKAHARA DOING HERE...?
HUFF-
HUFF-

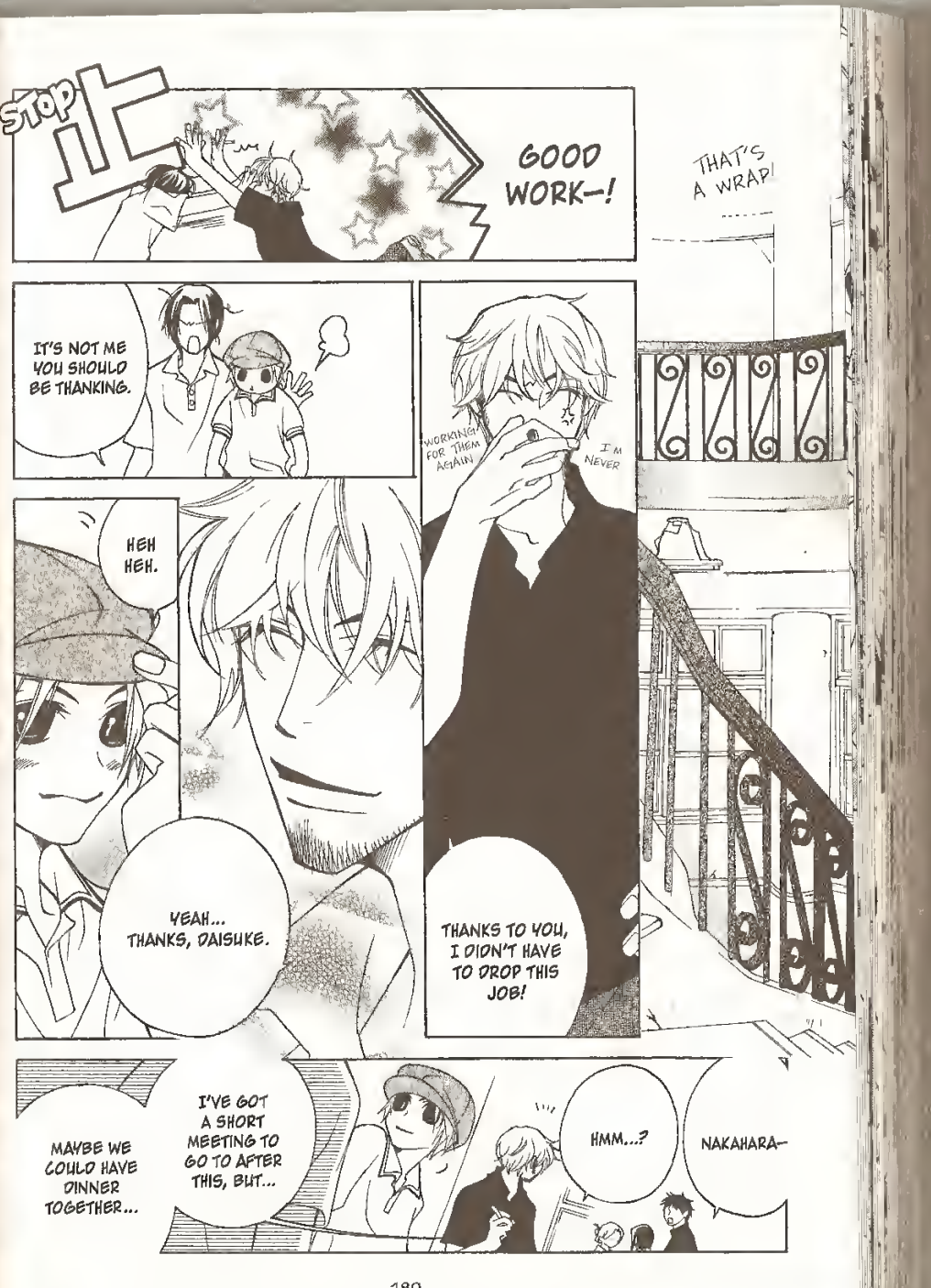

...HUH?
YEAH, I SUPPOSE.
ARE YOU... IN LOVE WITH NAKAHARA-SAN?
BUT KAORU-CHAN TAKES PHOTOS OF YOU...
JOLT!
Y-
YOU'VE GOTTA BE JOKING!
SAME AS YOU, RIGHT?
...EVEN THOUGH HE USUALLY NEVER TAKES PICTURES OF PEOPLE.
HE TOOK THOSE ON HIS OWN— I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!
NO, WE HAVEN'T!
LIAR!
I BET YOU TWO HAVE HAD SEX...

WHY DON'T YOU BE THE MODEL, THEN?
IT'S YOUR JOB, ISN'T IT?
PTOOEY
I WOULD IF I COULD, DUMMY!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED— IT WAS SUDDEN.
D...
DON'T JUST DECIDE ON YOUR O...
WHAM!
I'LL GO GET HIM READY...
...
BUT KAORU-CHAN'S THE ONE WHO DECIDES.
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
EH? WHAT?
UM...HEY—
WHY DO I HAVE TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS...?

...SMILED TOWARD KAORU NAKAHARA—
...OR HIS CAMERA LENS...
I'VE NEVER ONCE...
KEEP YOUR EYES DOWNWARD!
WHY ME?

...
...
YEAH...
I DON'T TAKE PHOTOS OF PEOPLE.
YOU'RE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION, AKIRA-KUN. ♥
SERIOUSLY?!
SO IT'S NOT AS IF YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH KAORU-CHAN? RIGHT?
I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST JOKING WITH ME...
HEY- READY YET?
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THERE WERE NO PORTRAITS OF PEOPLE IN THAT PHOTO COLLECTION OF HIS...
...AND HE MENTIONED THAT HE HADN'T BEEN TOO KEEN ON TAKING THE CAMPUS PHOTOGRAPHY JOB, EITHER.
WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE-!
BUT THEN—

I WON'T SEE YOU AGAIN.
NO PROB.
HE PRAISED ME!
THANKS!
ROUND AS IN CIRCULAR? YOU MEAN TONGUE?
UM, I WANNA EAT ROUND MEAT?
NOOO-
WHAT ABOUT YOU, AKIRA-KUN?
IS THERE ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR YOU FEEL LIKE-
ROUND MEAT STRANGE ME, THAT YOU A... TELL WHAT OF WHAT AN... IT CAME FR...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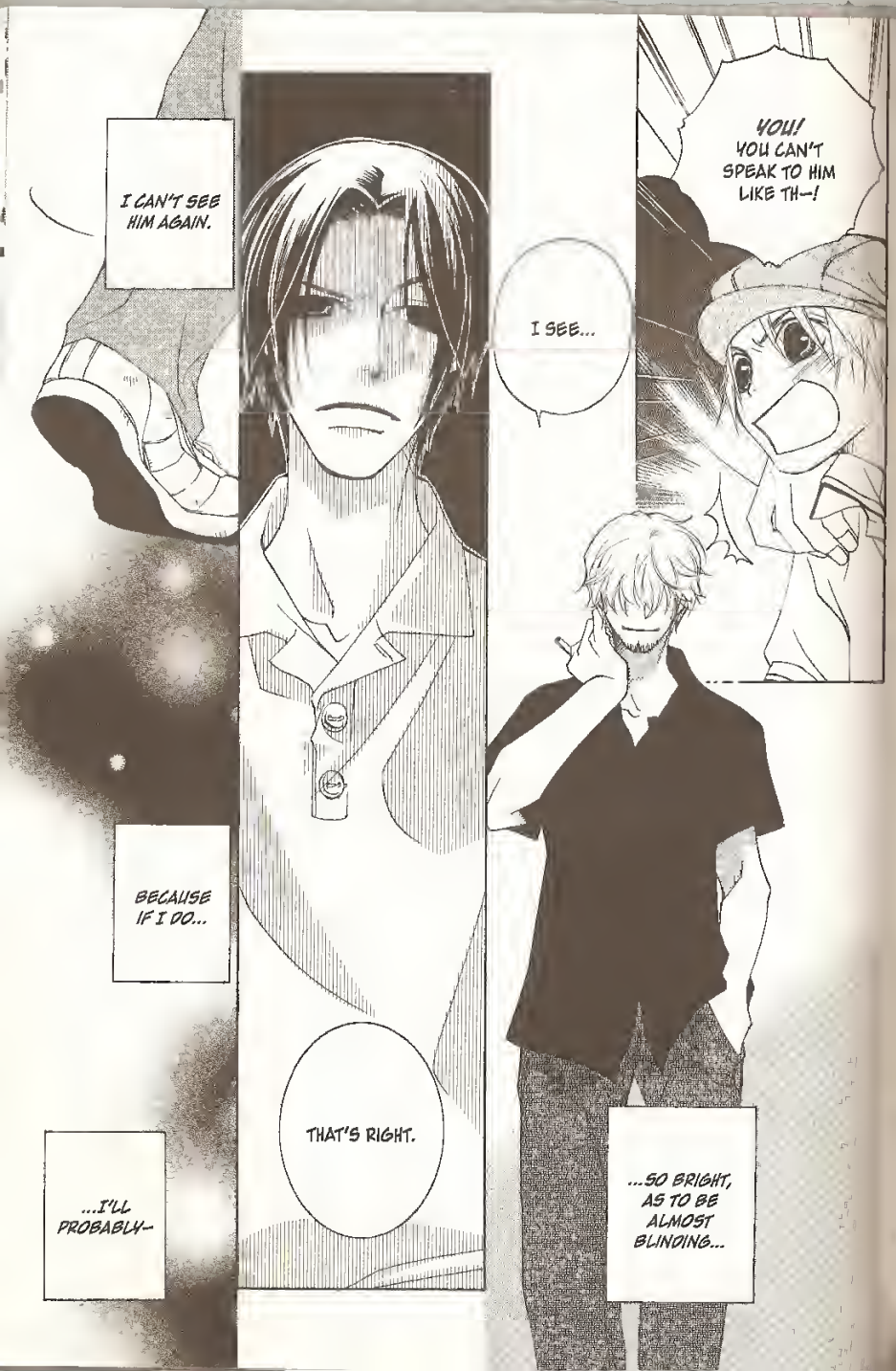
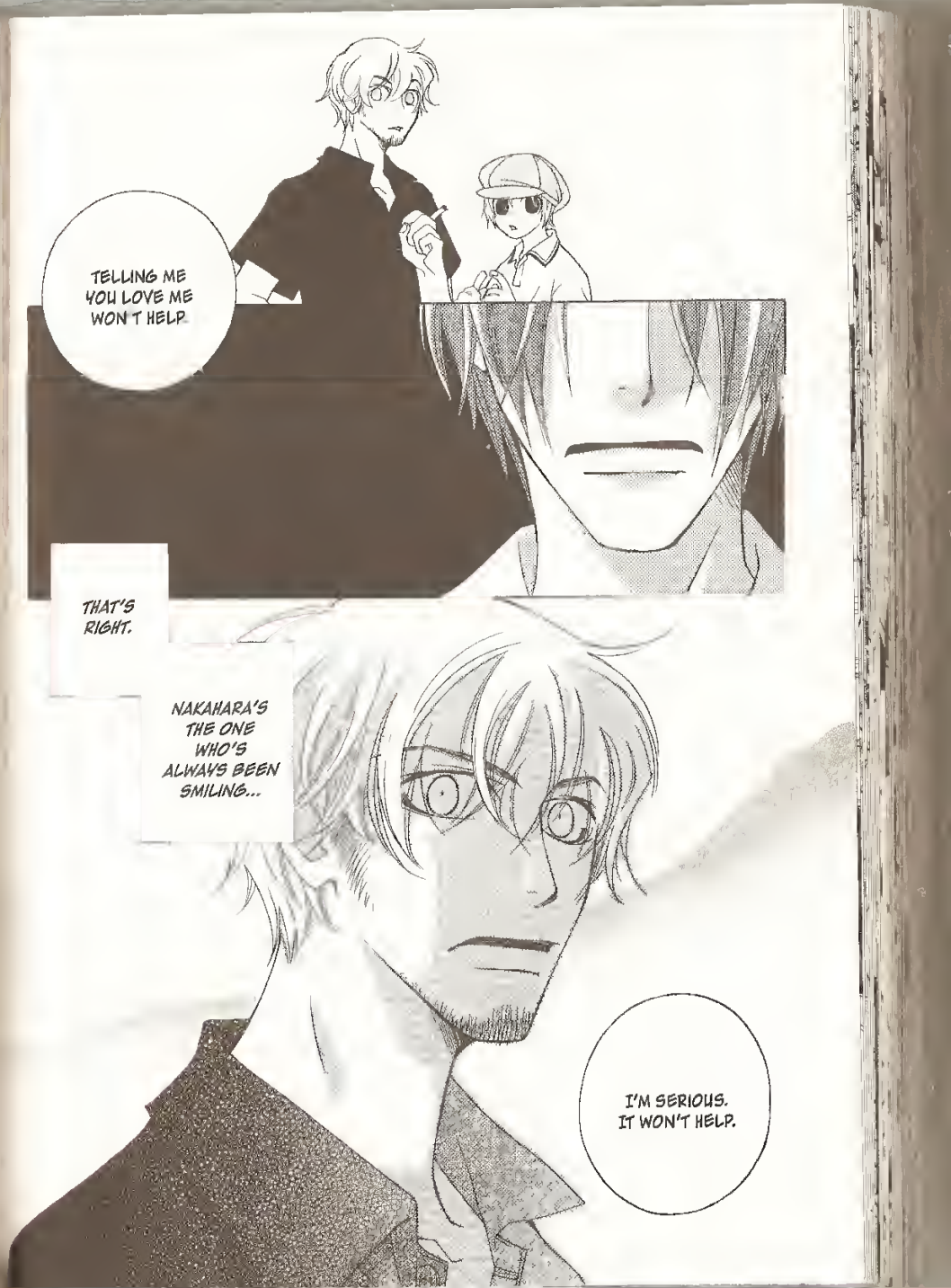
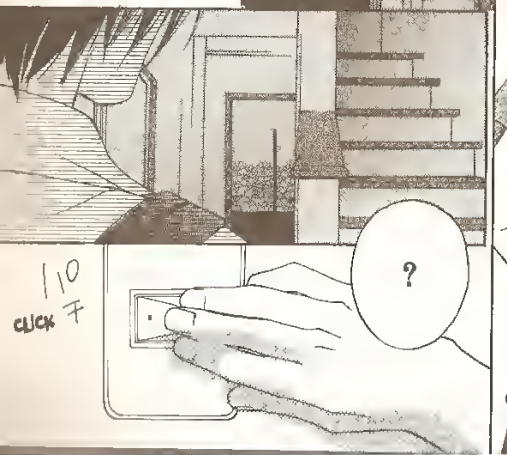
GOOD WORK-!
THAT'S A WRAP!
IT'S NOT ME YOU SHOULD BE THANKING.
WORKING FOR THEM AGAIN!
I'M NEVER
HEH HEH.
YEAH... THANKS, DAISUKE.
THANKS TO YOU, I DIDN'T HAVE TO DROP THIS JOB!
MAYBE WE COULD HAVE DINNER TOGETHER...
I'VE GOT A SHORT MEETING TO GO TO AFTER THIS, BUT...
HMM...?
NAKAHARA-


I CAN'T SEE HIM AGAIN.
YOU! YOU CAN'T SPEAK TO HIM LIKE TH—!
I SEE...
BECAUSE IF I DO...
THAT'S RIGHT.
...I'LL PROBABLY—
...SO BRIGHT, AS TO BE ALMOST BLINDING...


TELLING ME YOU LOVE ME WON'T HELP
THAT'S RIGHT.
NAKAHARA'S THE ONE WHO'S ALWAYS BEEN SMILING...
I'M SERIOUS. IT WON'T HELP.



...WITH YOUR ENTIRE BEING.

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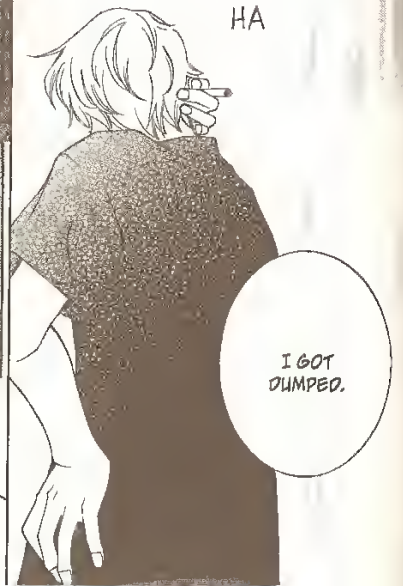

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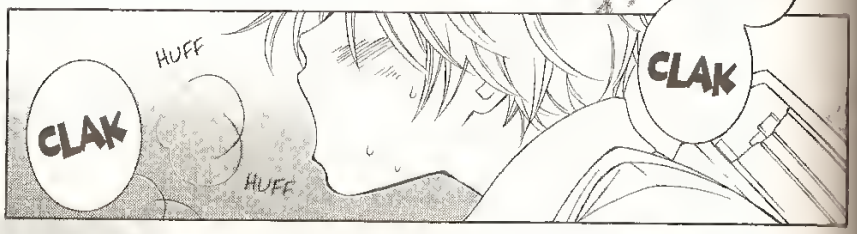
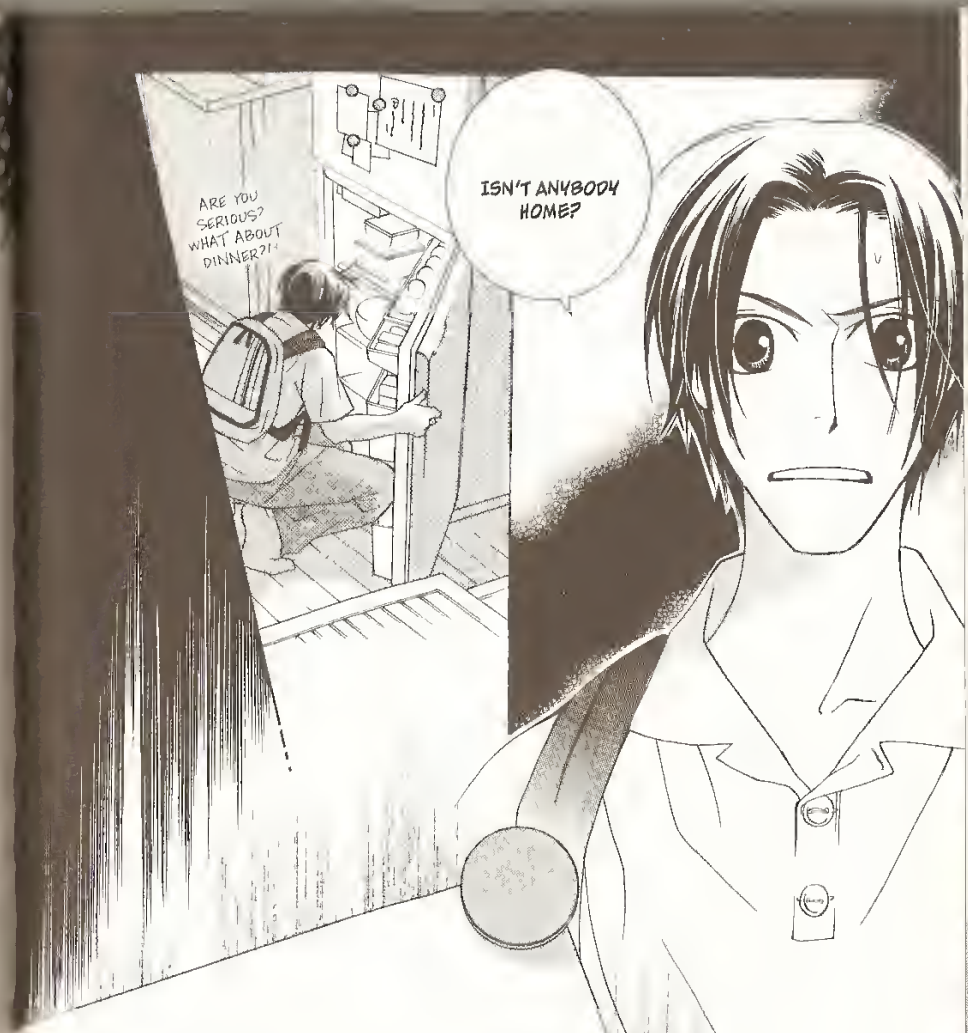


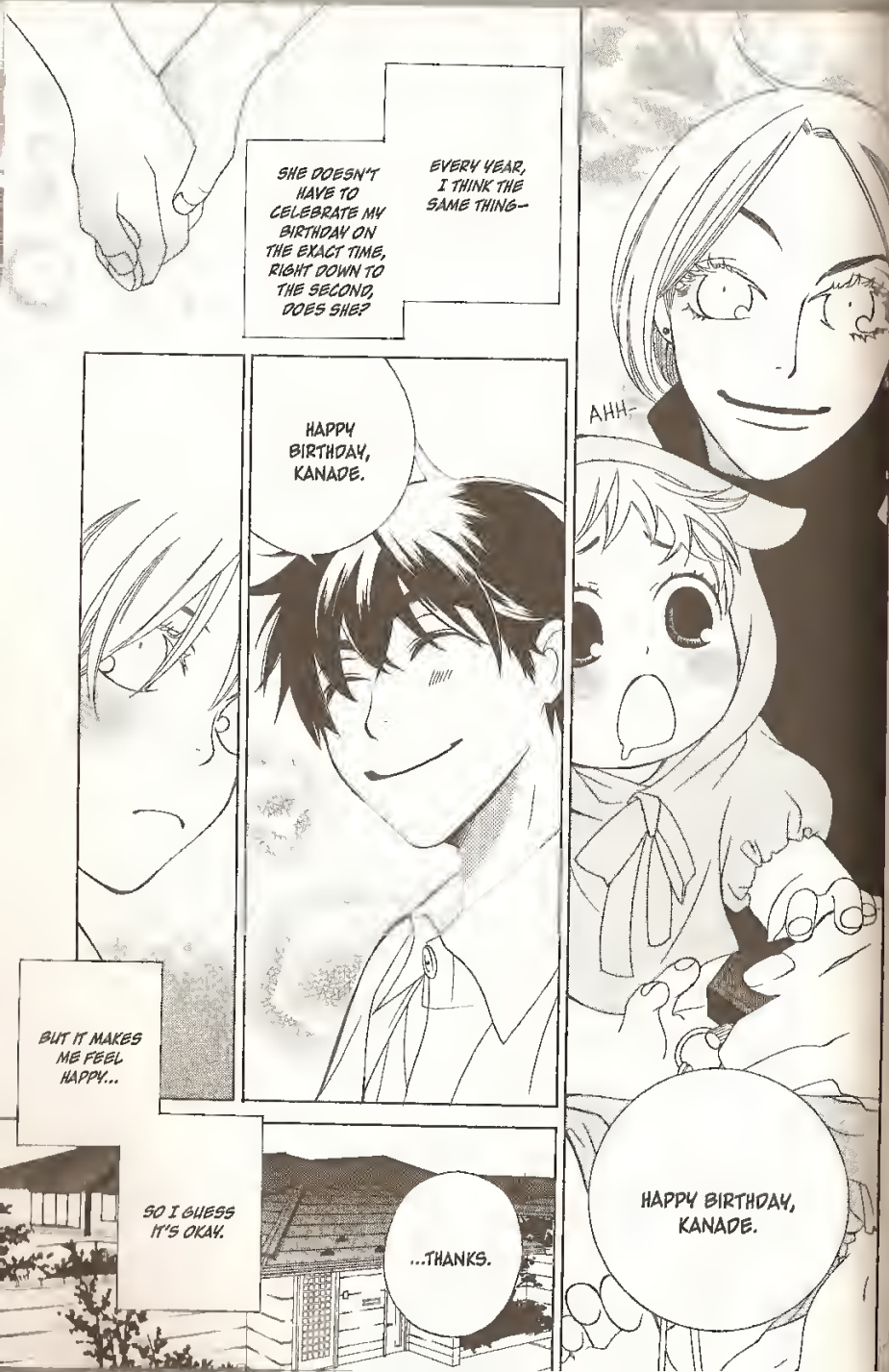


AKIRA—

AFTER YOU READ THIS, PLEASE COME DOWN, TOO.

MOTHER IS GOING ON AHEAD. YOUR BROTHER AN ACCIDENT.

TO BE CONTINUED...


EVERY YEAR, I THINK THE SAME THING—
SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO CELEBRATE MY BIRTHDAY ON THE EXACT TIME, RIGHT DOWN TO THE SECOND, DOES SHE?
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KANADE.
AHH-
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KANADE.
BUT IT MAKES ME FEEL HAPPY...
SO I GUESS IT'S OKAY.
...THANKS.

ZERO.
BAM!
TWO...
ONE...
CLICK!
WE'RE HOME!
SUCK SUCK
NO, NO. TA-CHAN THAT'S NOT FOR EATING!
ON THIS DAY, AT THIS TIME—
HUFF
PANT
GASP
YOU WERE BORN.

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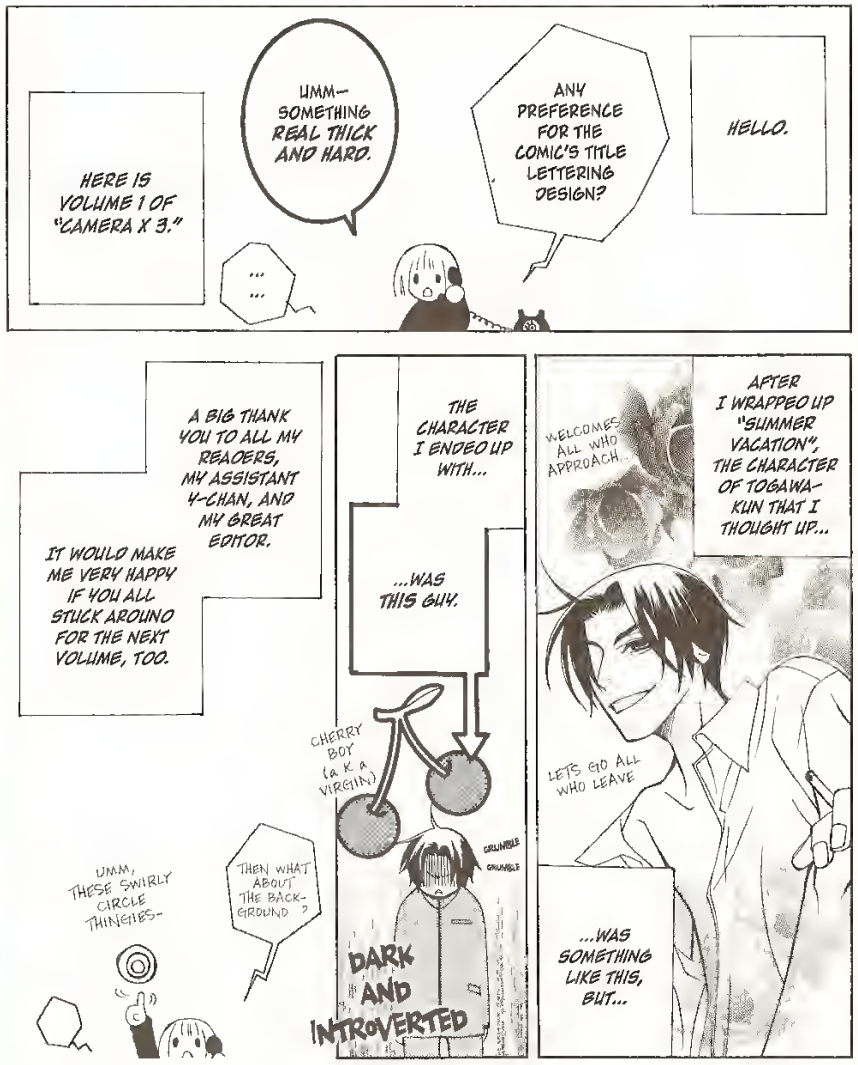
HERE IS VOLUME 1 OF "CAMERA X 3."
UMM— SOMETHING REAL THICK AND HARD.
...
...
ANY PREFERENCE FOR THE COMIC'S TITLE LETTERING DESIGN?
HELLO.
A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL MY READERS, MY ASSISTANT Y-CHAN, AND MY GREAT EDITOR.
IT WOULD MAKE ME VERY HAPPY IF YOU ALL STUCK AROUND FOR THE NEXT VOLUME, TOO.
THE CHARACTER I ENDED UP WITH...
...WAS THIS GUY.
CHERRY BOY (a.k.a VIRGIN)
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE
DARK AND INTROVERTED
UMM, THESE SWIRLY CIRCLE THINGIES-
THEN WHAT ABOUT THE BACK-GROUND ?
AFTER I WRAPPED UP "SUMMER VACATION", THE CHARACTER OF TOGAWA-KUN THAT I THOUGHT UP...
WELCOMES ALL WHO APPROACH
LETS GO ALL WHO LEAVE
...WAS SOMETHING LIKE THIS, BUT...